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USSR BLASTS PACT Says Atlantic Alliance Aims At Her And Friends Violation Of UN Charter

Moscow, April 1.

Russia today blasted the Atlantic treaty as "aggressive" and assured the world that the Soviet Union neither threatens nor intends to attack any nation.

The Kremlin announced it had sent a note yesterday to the United States, Britain, France, Belgium, Holland, Luxembourg and Canada, protesting that the treaty is clearly aimed at the Soviet Union and the people's democracies of Eastern Europe.

The note charged that the treaty violated the United Nations Charter, the Potsdam and Yalta agreements and the Anglo-Russian and the Franco-Russian friendship and non-aggression treaties.

Radio Moscow broadcast the text of the protest note early today while foreign ministers from the 12 signatory powers—seven mentioned by Moscow—plus Norway, Denmark, Iceland, Portugal and Italy—were gathered in Washington for the signing ceremony next Monday.

Western European diplomatic quarters regarded the note as little more than a futile gesture that would have no effect on the scheduled signing of the treaty next Monday. Formal comment is expected to come from the assembled foreign ministers in Washington.

The Soviet note charged that the Atlantic pact was a covering for extensive military measures which "can in no way be justified." It said that these measures included increasing the armed forces, stockpiling of atom bombs, building of a network of air and naval bases, setting up of a combined Anglo-American staff in Washington and establishing a Western Union military staff at Fontainebleau, France.

Directed Against USSR & Others

The Soviet note said: "Of the great powers only the Soviet Union is excluded among the parties to this treaty, which can be explained by the fact that this treaty is directed against the Soviet Union. The fact that the North Atlantic treaty is directed against the USSR as well as against countries with people's democracy is definitely pointed out also by the official representatives of the United States, Britain and France." The Soviet note flatly rejected the Western arguments that the Atlantic treaty is comparable to the series of friendship and mutual assistance pacts concluded by Russia and the Eastern European countries. It said all these treaties are directed solely against any enlargement of German aggression, and said that they cannot be interpreted as aimed "in any degree" against the United States or Britain.

The Soviets also flatly rejected the Western contention that the treaty came within the United Nations Charter's provisions for regional defence agreements and collective self-defence.

No Regional Issue

The note declared: "The union provided for by this treaty embraces states located in both hemispheres of the globe and it does not have as its aim settlement of any regional issue. Nor can the establishment of a North Atlantic grouping of states be justified by the right of each member of the United Nations to individual or collective self-defence in conformity with Article 51 of the Charter."

"Suffice it to say that such rights under the Charter of the United Nations can arise only in case of an armed attack against a member of the organization. Yet, as is known by all, neither the United States, Britain and France nor other parties is threatened by any armed attack."

By contrast, the Soviet note said, the Atlantic treaty "absolutely ignores the possibility of a repetition of German aggression, not having consequently as its aim the prevention of new German aggression. And inasmuch as of the great powers which comprised the anti-Hitler coalition, only the USSR is not a party to this treaty, the

Talks With Foreign Ministers

Secretary Acheson planned a high pressure round of conferences with Western European Foreign Ministers today. They included a talk on Germany with Robert Schuman of France. Acheson arranged talks later in the day with the Foreign Ministers of Belgium, Luxembourg and Portugal. They all fit into the pattern of a determined effort by the Atlantic powers to iron out all their major differences. The unity effort will be formalized in the Atlantic treaty to be signed here on Monday.

Yesterday, Acheson and British Foreign Secretary Bevin conferred for two hours after which the American Secretary immediately went into conference with Dirk U. Stikker, the Netherlands Foreign Minister.

Acheson's meeting with Bevin yesterday was the start of a series of conferences expected to last throughout next week. There will be a breathing spell on Tuesday when the American Secretary and probably all the visiting Ministers will go to New York for the opening of the United Nations Assembly session.

To what extent Acheson and Bevin may have explored the effect of the Atlantic treaty was not disclosed. A brief official announcement did reveal that they talked about Germany and Greece along with other "European questions of common concern."

State Dept Says "Let China Go"

Washington, April 1.

The Senate Foreign Relations Committee is sitting on a red hot report on Nationalist China.

Those who have seen it say it is just about the frankest kind of State Department statement that the Nationalist Government is on its last leg, with the Communists in a position to take over any time they want to make the big push.

The committee apparently is delaying release of the document

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Their session, therefore, paved the way for today's Acheson-Schuman conference insofar as Acheson and Bevin have cleared up what they jointly want to accomplish in Germany.

In the statements so far made on the treaty by Bevin and others of the top level diplomats gathered here for the signing of the pact, all the emphasis has been placed on the "peaceful" and defensive nature of the alliance. Virtually nothing has been said about the real power which will be arrayed behind it.

Completely Groundless

Diplomatic officials in Washington today viewed Russia's latest denunciation of the North Atlantic Pact as a propaganda maneuver designed to "cast a shadow" over the signing ceremonies here on Monday.

While the State Department refused to comment immediately, it was learned that high United States officials were neither surprised nor upset over the Soviet memorandum condemning the Atlantic pact as a coalition directed against the Soviet Union.

The French Foreign Ministry spokesman said today Russia's memorandum condemning the Atlantic pact was "completely groundless." The spokesman said the new attack was important "only because it represents the official attitude."

He said the Russian charge that the pact violated the United Nations Charter and bilateral agreements "is without any justified foundation."

Referring to the Franco-Soviet treaty of 1944, the spokesman emphasized no conflict exists between that treaty and the Atlantic pact.

In London, the British Foreign Office spokesman today expressed regret that Russia has reverted to the Stalin-Lenin theory that the world is and must be divided into two worlds.

That was the immediate official British government reaction to the Russian note to the sponsoring Powers of the Atlantic Pact.

The spokesman made his statement at a noon press conference. He said the British government would formally reply to the Russian note in due course.—United Press and Associated Press.

Greek King And Queen Popular With Ex-Reds



Queen Frederika and King Paul of Greece carried shoulder high by former Communists at a reformatory camp on the island of Makronissos. The young Communists, having joined the armed forces, are undergoing special training.—AP Photo.

Pres. Truman Against Cuts In ECA Funds

Washington, April 1.

President Truman spoke out yesterday against a Republican drive to cut millions if not billions of dollars off the flow of American aid to Europe.

The European recovery programme, Mr. Truman said firmly, should not be cut at all.

But Administration leaders in the Senate, where the issue was being debated, conceded that sizable reductions may be warranted in 1950, if the Marshall Plan nations get "over the hump" this year.

Originally a four-year plan, the Marshall programme is scheduled to extend to mid 1952.

Mr. Truman told his news conference with emphasis that Congress should provide the full \$5,380,000,000 requested by Marshall Plan Administrator Paul G. Hoffman to carry Europe over the next 15 months.—Associated Press.

NEWFOUNDLAND NOW CANADA'S NEW PROVINCE

Ottawa, Ontario, April 1.

Britain's oldest colony, Newfoundland, became Canada's youngest province today.

No ceremony marked the exact hour of the union that is one of major North American political changes of the 20th century. But there will be official ceremonies in Canada and Newfoundland.

Newfoundland, which sits like a stopper at the mouth of the St. Lawrence River, was established as an English colony in the 17th century.

In a bitterly fought referendum, Newfoundlanders finally voted to join Canada.

Foreign Minister Robert Schuman will be France's chief delegate for a few days. The French said it has not been decided yet who would take over the delegation when Schuman returns to Paris.

Britain's chief delegate is Minister of State Hector McNell.—Associated Press.

Koo To Head China Group At UN Meet

Lake Success, April 1.

Dr. Wellington Koo, Ambassador to Washington, will head China's delegation to the UN Assembly opening on Tuesday afternoon.

The Chinese delegation said its other delegates at the Assembly would be: Dr. P. C. Chang, Dr. Liu Shui-shun, Dr. P. C. Chang, and Dr. Li Wei-kuo.

Secretary of State Dean Acheson plans to attend the opening and then turn the United States delegation back to chief delegate Warren R. Austin.

Andrei A. Gromyko, first Deputy Foreign Minister, heads the Soviet delegation.

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Exercise Lancer Ends In Enemy's Defeat

The combined Police-Army-Navy-Air Force Exercise Lancer ended yesterday when the enemy force at Ping Shan in the New Territories was defeated following a full-scale land, sea and air offensive by Hong Kong's defenders.

Enemy remnants were last reported to be fleeing in junks in Deep Bay. They were under heavy gun fire from British warships. Hong Kong's troops were last night dispersing and returning to their normal stations.

The Colony's final offensive, launched at dawn yesterday, was carried out by the 1st Battalion The Buffs and the 2/10 Gurkha Rifles striking from the West, and the 2/6 Gurkha Rifles advancing from the Au Tau area to the East of Ping Shan.

The attacking units were supported by the 25th Field Regiment, Royal Artillery, and HMS Amethyst in Deep Bay, Cosack in Castle Peak Bay, Canadian warship, Crescent, at Brothers' Point, and HMS London firing from the harbour.

Guided by Army observers on land, RAF planes bombed and strafed enemy positions in support of the forward troops.

Captain H. Chilmann, Army spokesman, announced last night that Exercise Lancer, which started on Monday ended at 9:15 a.m. yesterday.

By dusk on Thursday, Ping Shan Police station had been retaken in addition to an important hill feature at Au Tau.

Combined Offensive

The full-scale combined offensive was launched at 5:45 a.m. yesterday. By 8:30 a.m. all the enemy positions were overrun. Heavy casualties were inflicted and many prisoners taken. The remnants took to junks in Deep Bay but were subjected to heavy naval gun fire.

Captain Chilmann added that many troops were tied down in guarding vital establishments which normally would be undertaken by members of the Hong Kong Defence Force.

The readiness and efficiency of the Chinese enlisted other ranks in carrying out their assignments in Exercise Lancer was highly

Lights Go Up In West End

London, April 1.

The moment awaited for 10 years when lights go up again all over England arrives at 7:00 o'clock tomorrow night. At that hour electric signs, neon lights, and fluorescent illuminations in every hue will be switched on in London's West End.

Multi-coloured advertisements known to old and middle aged will bloom again but they will be a new fairyland to tens of thousands of youngsters who never knew London in its prewar glory.

In Trafalgar Square, mountains will be illuminated, and many old signs revived. There has been but a fortnight to get the electrical equipment overhauled and rewired, and hundreds of electricians have been at work night and day.

It is estimated that in the West End something like 80 per cent of the old brightness and gaiety will be restored.—Reuter.

The Weather

At 0600 GMT (8 p.m. HKST) a ridge of high pressure extends from the Sea of Okhotsk to Britain. Depressions centred over Mongolia and to the E of Iceland are intensifying and moving to the west.

Today's forecast: Moderate easterly winds. Weather cloudy and milder. Fair periods.

Yesterday's Weather:—
Maximum: 18.5 deg. F.
Minimum: 68.0 deg. F.
Sunshine: 4.9 hours.
Rainfall: Trace. Total since Jan. 1—122.2 mm. (4.81 in.). Average of 184.6 mm. (7.27 in.).
Readings at:
10 a.m. 10.0 deg. F.
4 p.m. 10.0 deg. F.
Baro. at msl. 1010.1 mm. (29.52 in.).
Rel. Humidity 87 %
Dew Point 57 deg. F.
Wind Direction 10 by N
Wind Force 11
Tides—
High 17 knots
Low 11 knots
Time HL
High 1907 6.6
Low 2028 4.8
Moonset 2228 2.3
Low 2250 1.9

PEACE ENVOYS REACH PEIPING TO BEGIN TALKS

Nanking, April 1.

The government's six-man peace delegation enplaned for the Communist capital of Peiping this morning and arrived there in the afternoon to begin negotiations to night with the Chinese Communists.

The delegation, headed by the General Chang Chih-chung, was given one of the most enthusiastic send-offs ever seen in the Nationalist capital, indicating the great hopes the general public has placed on the peace effort.

However, the peace delegation put its well-wishes in no delusion as to prospects of the success of its mission. In a pre-departure statement issued at the airfield, the delegation compared its mission to "walking into an abyssal hole on thin ice."

An official source said the delegation has been given full powers to negotiate with the Communists with an option to consult Nanking on any specific points it may deem necessary.

In Nanking an 11-man Steering Committee was established to hold itself ready for consultations by the delegation. The committee, it is understood, is vested with the power of approving any settlement which the delegation may work out for ratification by the government and the Legislative Yuan.

The committee consisted of top Nationalist leaders, including Acting President Tsiang-chen, Premier Ho Ying-chin, Mr. Yu Yu-jen and Mr. Tung Kwan-ben, Presidents of the Legislative and Control Yuan, respectively, former Premier Sun Fo, General Pai Chung-hsi, General Chang Chih-chung and Mr. Chu Chia-hua, both Ministers without portfolio.

No journalists were allowed to accompany the delegates. The world must now depend upon Communist news channels for what happens at the Peiping conference table.

Immediately after the Government peace delegation landed in Peiping this afternoon, the Communists clamped down a ban on the publication of all news concerning the activities of the Nationalist negotiators.

Peiping newspapers were forbidden to even mention the arrival of the Government delegation. There was no indication the Communists will consent to a joint issuance of communiques on the progress of negotiations.

A crowd of only 500 well-wishers, mostly government officials, legislators and reporters, turned out to see the delegation off. The air terminal was packed to full capacity with the crowd surging back and forth, mobbing the peace delegates as they arrived at the airfield.

A Heavy Responsibility

The delegation, in a statement, said: "We know our responsibility is a heavy one and we know many difficulties will arise in the course of the peace talks, but we believe if both sides will

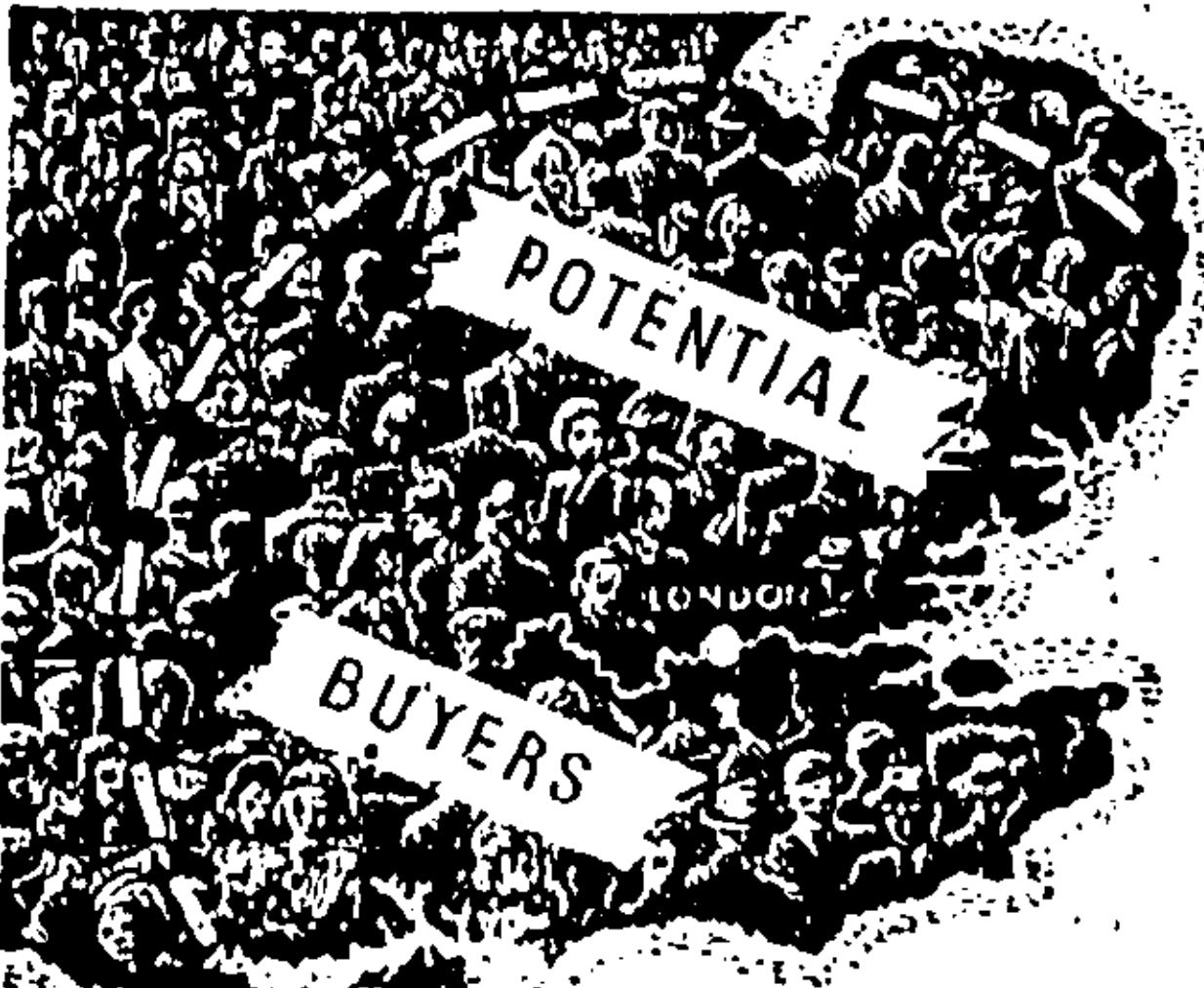
Demonstrating students this afternoon clashed with deactivating Nationalist soldiers.

The Garrison spokesman, General Lok Sun, said that according to an incomplete estimate about 50 students were injured seriously. The soldiers were mostly formerly Communist captives who escaped to Nanking for reorganization.

Eyewitnesses said the fighting started when students started the famous Communist Yangko dance in the streets, infuriating the soldiers.—United Press.

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QUEER EXHIBITION

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RITZ

Mr. Lau Hon Tsing, who is Director of the Chungking Zoo, after the Pacific war came into contact with some queer persons, who are now touring South China. From Macao they have come to Hongkong. The personnel of this exhibition consists of six persons, four of them are not shown here. First is the giant, who could not be missed in a crowd. He is 10 feet high and 400 lbs. in weight. Second is the dwarf aged over 40, height one foot eight inches.



There is an eight year old girl who can use her feet for all purposes. Her hands have only two fingers. Next is the fat midget woman. She is about 28 years old, two feet high and weighs 100 lbs. Third comes the peanut head man. He is reported to be about 30 years old and his head no larger than a tea cup. The fourth has an extra size in head.

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Visitors At Miss Kan's Art Exhibition



Miss Diana Kan with Lady Grantham, at the talented young artist's exhibition of paintings at the Gloucester Hotel yesterday. In their traditional costume are Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Shouson Chow. "China Mail" Photo.

Lantau Murder Sentence: Youth To Die By Hanging

Sentence of death by hanging was imposed on Wong Fuk-lam by Mr. Justice Williams, Puisne Judge, at the Criminal Sessions, yesterday, after Wong had been found guilty of the murder of his foster father.

On hearing the sentence, the 23-year-old youth, who had remained stolid and erect throughout the trial, burst into tears, and protested his innocence.

"I did nothing wrong," he sobbed as he was led down to the cells to await his fate.

Wong was convicted of having murdered his foster father, Wong Yau, at Man Chung To, on Lantau Island, on or about August 27 last year. He is said to have done so in an attempt to get his foster father's concubine, 20-year-old Li Kai-mui, for himself.

The jury comprising six men and one woman returned the verdict after a little over two hours' deliberation, from 4.15 p.m. to 6.25 p.m.

Turning to the jury, Mr. Justice Williams declared that he did agree with their verdict. He announced that each member would be exempt from jury service for a period of four years, as the trial, he said, had lasted a week.

Some forty to fifty persons, mostly country folk from Lantau Island, were in court to hear the verdict.

Expenses running up to \$716.18 incurred by many of the Lantau folk who had to attend the hearings as witnesses were ordered to be refunded.

Conducting the case for the prosecution was Mr. M. Heenan, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr. C. Mottram, Assistant Director of Criminal Investigation and Detective Inspector C. Askew.

Wong was defended by Mr. Y. H. Poon on the instructions of Mr. F. D. Hammond.

The mutilated and decomposed body of Wong Yau was found by a grass-cutter on a lonely hillside at Lantau Island, where most of the events connected with the case took place. The discovery was reported to the police. Subsequent investigations led to the arrest of the killer.

Wong Yau the deceased, was a farmer living at the village of Shek Mun-kap, Lantau Island,

where he owned two small Chinese style houses, and made his living mainly by selling firewood. The deceased took on Li Kai-mui on April, 1946, as a concubine with the consent of his principal wife, Chun Lan.

Shortly after, the deceased adopted Wong Fuk-lam, who then lived at the same farm. Eventually however the accused was noticed to be on every good terms with the deceased's concubine. The latter, very much displeased, began to treat his concubine badly. As a result Li on two occasions intended to commit suicide. After meeting up with the accused however, she, it was alleged, had intimacy with him, and got over her intentions.

It was further alleged that an agreement was later reached between the two to the effect that Li should escape and go to Hong Kong to stay, and that the accused should later join her. This was done.

When Li had gone to Hong Kong from the island of Lantau, her husband learned of her disappearance, and organized a search for her, in the course of which, the accused is alleged to have led him to a lonely spot in the hills, and there killed him with a chopper.

THREE MONTHS FOR THEFT

For stealing a fountain pen from Professor A.J.S. MacFadden of the Hong Kong University on Thursday, Chan Chung was sentenced to three months and recommended for banishment by Mr. F.X. d'Almada at Central yesterday.

A detective saw defendant holding a newspaper on his right hand and a screen and like the pen out of the professor's pocket with his left hand in Des Voeux Road Central. The professor caught hold of his hand and arrested him.

Miss Kan's Work On Exhibition

More than 30 exclusive paintings were on display at Miss Diana Kan's art exhibition held at Room 809 Gloucester Hotel yesterday.

Lady Grantham who attended the exhibition received a beautiful bouquet presented by Miss Kan.

The exhibition will be concluded today. Miss Kan will leave for the United Kingdom at the end of the month, where she plans to display her paintings.

She will also visit the United States before returning to the Colony.

'MURDERED' IS VERDICT

A raid on hawkers selling pork and beef by a gang of Sanitary coolies which in October last year resulted in Li Him, one of the coolies being stabbed to death, was the subject of an inquiry held at Central yesterday with Mr. F. X. d'Almada sitting as coroner.

On October 20 last year a Sanitary Department Hawkers Squad made a raid in Centre Street near the old Saiyungpoo Market.

The squad headed by Inspector Stevens, three officers and 12 sanitary coolies left the Leighton Hill Road quarters at 4.30 p.m. and arrived at their destination 15 minutes later in two lorries. The coolies were told to spread out, one party going to First Street and the other to Second Street.

The deceased Li Him was leading a squad of seven coolies to First Street. At the time the street was crowded with people selling and buying pork. After a while Ngan Kwan, another sanitary coolie, saw a crowd of people.

Investigating, Ng Kwan saw Li Him lying on the ground with blood flowing from his chest. Li Him died on the way to the Queen Mary Hospital.

An eye witness said that he saw Li Him, a hawker, arrested by Li Him. Li Him was at that time holding a butcher's knife with his right hand and some beef in the left hand. The deceased held a hold of him and after a while Ngan Kwan collapsed while Li Him ran away with a blood stain on his coat.

Dr. Y. L. Wong gave evidence that Li Him died of a stab wound 11 inches long.

Mr. d'Almada returned the verdict that Li Him was murdered by Li Him.

Court Brevities

In addition to receiving a bullet wound on the thigh, when he was involved in a scuffle with a police constable at the Peak, Tsang Kwok-ping has also to go through six months of bleak existence in His Majesty's gaol.

He was found guilty of loitering and assaulting and resisting a police constable in the execution of his duty.

Tsang had admitted that he and two others were in custody were on their way to commit a burglary at the Peak, when they were challenged by three constables on an ambush duty.

In attempting to escape, the defendant ran against a tree. On being approached by PC 76, he was alleged to have struck the constable on the face and wrestled with him on the hillside.

In the scuffle, the defendant was shot in the thigh, when he tried to snatch a revolver away from the policeman.

Two years' police supervision was additionally imposed on the defendant.

"You should have four amahs to look after your Alsatians and the three puppies," said Mr. Hing-shing Lo to Au Yung Wai Ming, photographer, of 18 Hennessy Road at Central yesterday.

An ass prosecuted by Police Superintendent, Mr. Searle for causing unnecessary suffering to two Alsatians by keeping them in an under-sized cage, and for causing a public nuisance.

The defendant pleaded guilty to both charges, but said in mitigation that he is a member of the Hong Kong Kennel Club and knows how to take care of dogs.

He said that his dogs are usually let loose in his premises on the second floor, but at the time of Mr. Searle's visit, these dogs were having their meals. With their muzzles taken off, they had to be kept in a cage during the feeding.

A fine of \$80 was imposed.

Ng Lai, a carpenter, is one of those who have a tendency of getting out of control when drunk.

While in one of these conditions, a police constable in plain clothes tried to pacify him, but Ng began to start pulling out the constable's neck-tie.

He was fined \$25 or seven days in default.

FOREIGN CURRENCIES ON ENTERING JAPAN

Persons entering Japan must surrender all foreign currencies at the port of entry. It was officially stated yesterday.

The regulations made by SCAP added that United States dollar currencies surrendered will be treated as follows in accordance with the instructions of the individual concerned:

(a) Exchanged for Japanese Yen by the Bank of Japan;

(b) Placed in the Bank of Japan for safe-keeping; to be returned on the departure from Japan of the individual concerned; or

(c) Deposited by the Bank of Japan to the account of the individual concerned in a foreign bank licensed to maintain a branch office in Japan.

The third defendant, a juvenile from a respectable family, played only a small part in the crime and was bound over in the sum of \$500 for two years, during which period the boy is to report to the probation officer.

Inspector J.H. Evans told the court that the number in the group that committed the offence was four.

A school boy returning home was accosted by the four youths. One of them asked the boy for an explanation regarding an alleged assault on his younger brother at school.

The boy denied this allegation and upon suggestion by the four, went with them to a roof-top where the alleged outraged little brother was to be found.

Arriving there, the boy was told that the "little brother" was not in and the four threatened to make arrangements to meet again at school the next morning where they would settle the matter.

Before the boy left them, however, the first defendant, To Kau, who had alleged that the boy had beaten his little brother, asked for some guarantee that the complainant would be there the next morning. He wanted the boy's wrist watch. When the youngster refused, he was slapped in the face.

Becomes Frightened
The school boy became frightened and handed the watch over. The next morning, there was no sign of any of the four.

Needs Further Evidence In Dispute Over Will

The will dispute involving Canadian law, heard by the Chief Justice in probate jurisdiction, concluded yesterday, and further hearing was adjourned to June 27 and 28, pending the obtaining of further evidence from Canada.

The dispute is over the administration of the estate of Woo Chong, alias Woo Chong-kee, alias Woo Tsun-nin, a returned Canadian Chinese, who died in the Colony in May 1943.

The plaintiff is Woo Yee Nui, of 28 Taiipo Road, Shumshui, who claimed to be the long wife of Woo Chong, by whom she had two sons, aged 12 and 13, and that she was the person entitled to administer the estate.

The defendants are William G. Woo, of 3 Cheungsham Road, Shumshui, and Daisy Woo, at present residing in Montreal, both children of the late Woo Chong.

They claim that they are, together with one Wesley S. Woo confined since 1938 in a mental home in Canada, the present executors and sole beneficiaries under a pretended will of Woo Chong, dated September 15, 1932.

The plaintiff, on the other hand, claims a declaration that the pretended will was revoked by her marriage to Woo Chong on February 20, 1938.

In the course of the case the defendants filed a counter-claim for the Court to decree probate of the said will and for costs.

An Old Family Friend
At the resumed hearing yesterday evidence was given by Dr. (Miss) Catherine Wood, principal of St. Paul's Girls College. She said she was an old friend of the Woo family, and knew them well. She visited Woo Chong in Montreal and also when he came back to Hong Kong, and she had never heard him mention his second wife or other children besides William and Daisy.

Regarding the defendants, Dr. Wood said they bore excellent character and could vouch for them. William was honest and responsible and was at one time basketball coach to her college team. Daisy served as a teacher under her for six years.

She added that she could not believe any suggestion that they had attempted to defraud their father, adding that William and Daisy were devoted to their father.

An application made by Mr. B.A. Bernatchi, counsel for the plaintiff, to call further evidence on two points, was refused.

Defendants were represented by Mr. John McNeill.

ARMY-POLICE CASUALTIES

One soldier was killed and two others and a woman labourer seriously wounded following a clash between the police and troops at Whampoa, according to a report from Canton yesterday. Troops tried to quell the disturbance. The two opposing forces exchanged fire for more than an hour and a half.

TWO SENTENCED FOR EXTORTION

Three youths were brought before Mr. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday, charged with demanding money with menaces.

Two of them were convicted and sentenced to one year's hard labour in addition to a recommendation by the court that they be deported. They were To Kau, aged 18 and Ho Kwong-cheung, aged 18.

Another school boy, the second complainant in this case, stated Mr. Evans, also experienced a similar allegation that he, the complainant, had assaulted the younger brother of second defendant, Ho Kwong-chuen. The meeting at the roof-top was arranged again, with similar result—the "little brother" was not in but would be met at school the next morning.

The guarantee to be present was demanded from the second complainant, persuaded by a false alibi in the face. The second complainant surrendered his wrist watch and ring.

When the matter reached the police, the two complainants accompanied a party on a street patrol when the four youths were found walking together.

At the sight of complainants and the police party, they made a dash to get away but were caught.

The third defendant, continued Mr. Evans, had a very small part in the crime. He was said to have been in the group only as a number, and had not taken part in any actual demands.

The juvenile's parents present in court told Mr. Blair-Kerr that their son had been good until lately when he teamed up with bad companions.

Asked if they would consent to the court to take the boy in hand, the parents agreed and stood surety in the sum of \$500 for two years.

The juvenile sobbed and promised the court that he would never again fall into any bad company.

Reminders

Today

Vocal Recital by Professor (Madam A. Olsuflett, St. Andrew's Church Hall, 3 p.m.
Exhibition of Painting by Miss Diana Kan, Suite No. 809, Gloucester Hotel, 10 a.m.
St. Paul's College Bazaar, 33, Macdonnell Road, 10.30 a.m.
Laying of Foundation Stone of Zeland Hall, Kennedy Road, 11 a.m.
Shanghai Light Horse Association (Hong Kong Branch), annual dinner, Sports Club, King's Building, 8 p.m.
Social Evening, Kowloon Cricket Club, 9 p.m.
Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament, China Fleet Club, 9 p.m.
Tennis Exhibition by French players, Chinese Recreation Club, Causeway Bay, 3 p.m.
Hancock Shield, HKCC, Chater Road, 2 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Toc H Classical Concert, Taihat House, 50, Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.
HK Art Club, sketching class, members to meet at Kowloon Street Ferry at 10 a.m.
Recorded Musical Evening, Armchair Group, European YMCA, 8.30 p.m.

HKAS MEETING

The first Annual General Meeting of the Hong Kong Angling Society will be held at the South China Morning Post Boardroom on Monday, April 4, at 3.50 p.m.

AGENDA
1. Minutes of Extraordinary General Meeting held on August 22, 1948.
2. To receive reports and accounts of the Committee for the year ending February 28, 1949.
3. To elect a Committee.
4. Other business.

Members are reminded that the Annual Subscription Fee of \$10.00 for 1949 is now due. Payments should be made to A.E. Gutierrez, Honorary Treasurer, c/o Lowe, Bingham and Matthews.

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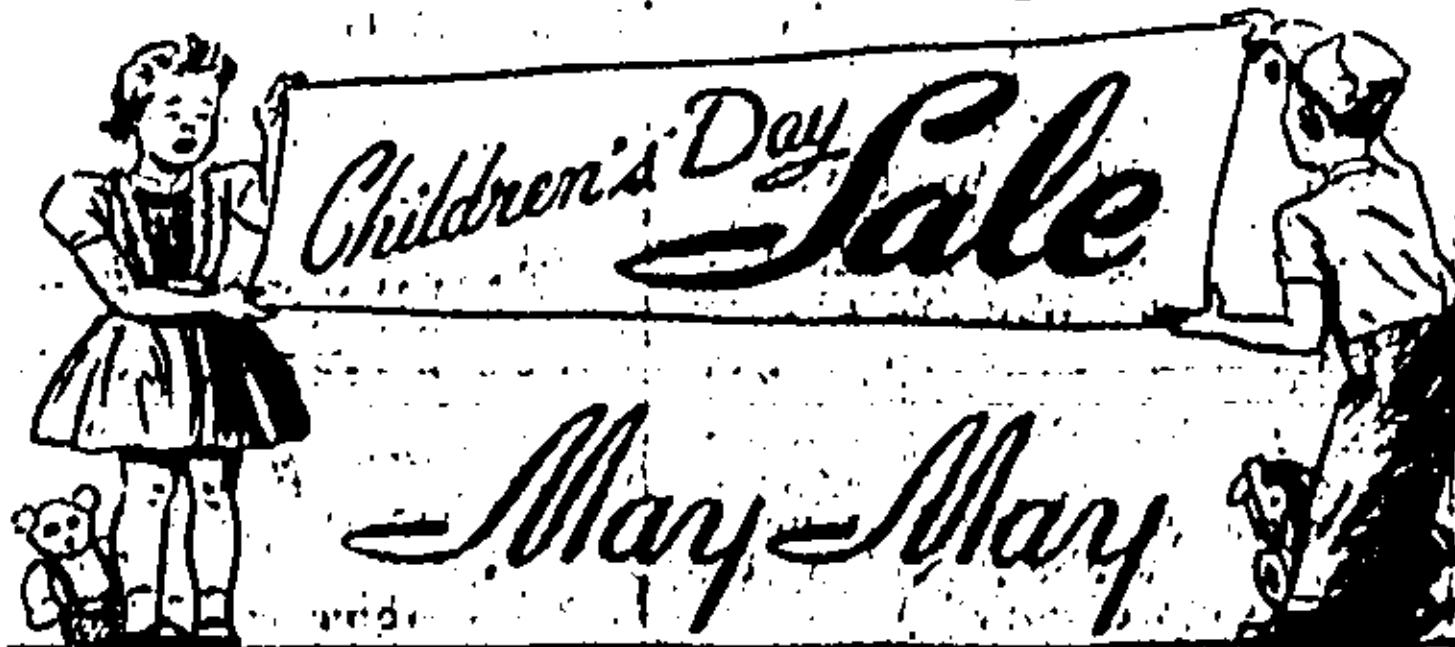
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NOTICE

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTEENTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company, King's Theatre Building, 5th floor on Thursday, the 14th day of April, 1949 at 12 o'clock noon to receive the Directors' Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1948, to elect Directors and Auditors and to transact such other business as may be properly transacted at an Ordinary General Meeting of the Company.

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the register and transfer books of the Company will be closed from 2nd to the 14th day of April, 1949, both days inclusive.

GEORGE Y. K. SUN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, March 28, 1949.

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

Notice to Shareholders

The Sixty-fourth Ordinary Yearly Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on Wednesday, the 20th April, 1949 at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Agents together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1948.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 6th April to the 20th April, 1949, both days inclusive.

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Improvements For KCR Uncertain

The Kowloon Canton Railway and its terminus in Kowloon stand in need of improvements, but just when those improvements will materialise appears somewhat uncertain.

In an interview with a "China Mail" reporter, Mr. I. B. Trevor, General Manager of the railway's British Section, named additional signals and improved crossing stations as two immediate needs.

Asked what he would think of a plan to lay double tracks, at least from Kowloon to the border-station at Shumchun, Mr. Trevor said that it would depend mainly on the amount of traffic carried by the through line.

That, again, would depend on conditions within China proper. However, if traffic between Kowloon and Hankow should be resumed, the laying of such a double track might be justified.

It is estimated that a double track would pay for itself within 30 years with such traffic, plus a simultaneous increase in the traffic between here and Canton. Mr. Trevor said that a single track would probably be advisable through the railway tunnel in the New Territories, if such a scheme were undertaken. He explained that it would be too costly to double-track through the bridge of rock forming the tunnel.

Not much would be required to modernise the existing road bed to the Chinese border. Four major bridges would require strengthening and widening and numerous short spans would need some alteration. The big bridges, originally constructed to accommodate double tracks, were destroyed by the Japanese during the war and were reconstructed by them as single-track bridges.

In Kowloon itself thoughtful residents have long gazed at the tangle of tracks and buildings cluttering up the waterfront and have wondered how it would look as a park area.

Others, living in the vicinity, have yearned for the day when their slumbers would no longer be disturbed by the shrieking whistles and rattling wheels of incoming and outgoing trains.

There is a report current that plans are underway to realise some of these dreams. The rumoured scheme includes a new railway terminus with separate modern buildings for the administration department and for the station itself on a site at some distance from the present one.

It would open a considerable area along the waterfront for development and would give the Colony the first opportunity in a long time to create a real beauty spot on its too commercial waterfront.

Mr. Trevor's only comment on the rumoured scheme was that undoubtedly the area could be made into a fine residential area. Such an area, he added, should include a public park with gardens and walks.

POST OFFICE MAIL NOTICE

Outward Mails

With effect from April 1, 1949, the postage for local letters and postcards will be increased as follows:—

Destinations: Hong Kong, Kowloon and the New Territories.

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Postcards: 5 cents each. Copies of the Colony's Annual Report for 1948 (Price 50) are on sale at the General Post Office and Central Post Office, Kowloon.

Surface mail for Tientsin and Peking can be accepted for onward transmission via Shanghai and Chinwangtao. Unless otherwise stated, Registered Articles and Parcel Posts close 10 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If made close before 10 a.m., Registered and Parcel Posts close at 8 p.m. on the previous day. Mails are closed at Kowloon Central Post Office half an hour earlier than the GPO closing times.

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 Closing Times by Air Canton and Hankow, (Kowloon GPO) 7.30 a.m., 10 a.m., 12.30 p.m., 3.30 p.m.; (GPO) 7 a.m., 9.30 a.m., Noon, 2 p.m. Airmail for Swatow and Amoy, (Reg.) 8.30 a.m., (Ord.) 9 a.m. Airmail for Shanghai, (Reg.) 9 a.m., (Ord.) 9.30 a.m. Airmail for Manila, (Reg.) 11 a.m., (Ord.) 11.30 a.m. Airmail for Swatow, Amoy, Shanghai, Nanking and Peking, Airmail for Chungking, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m. Airmail for Taipei, Airmail for Kunming and Calcutta, (Reg.) 3 p.m., (Ord.) 3.30 p.m. Airmail for Bangkok, (Reg.) 4.30 p.m., (Ord.) 5 p.m. Closing Times by Sea Swatow and Amoy, Noon. Manila and Peking only for Marselles, 1 p.m. Formosa via Keelung, 3 p.m. Bangkok, 3 p.m. Maitilia, Bombay, Belra, L. Marquee and South Africa via Durban, 5 p.m. Swatow, 4 p.m. Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, USA, Central and South America via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada), (Par., Reg. and Ord.) 5 p.m. Halifax, 5 p.m.

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been set exactly two tricks, to give East and West a score of only 300 points, much less than their game worth.

During the post-mortem, one player said that, if he sat in the West chair, North could not have shut out his side by any measures. Being certain that his length in the three unbid suits would find a good match with East, he would have bid 2-Clubs over the 1-Club to let his partner know at once about the game probabilities; especially since his hand "sat over" the opening bidder. East said that, if West made that bid, not even a hop to 5-Clubs would have kept him from bidding 5-Hearts, which could have been taken out into spades if West did not fit the suit.

One player said that over the double by West, he would have bid only 2-Clubs as a mild impediment to the opposition. But then you will usually find one Caspar Milquetosast in almost every game.

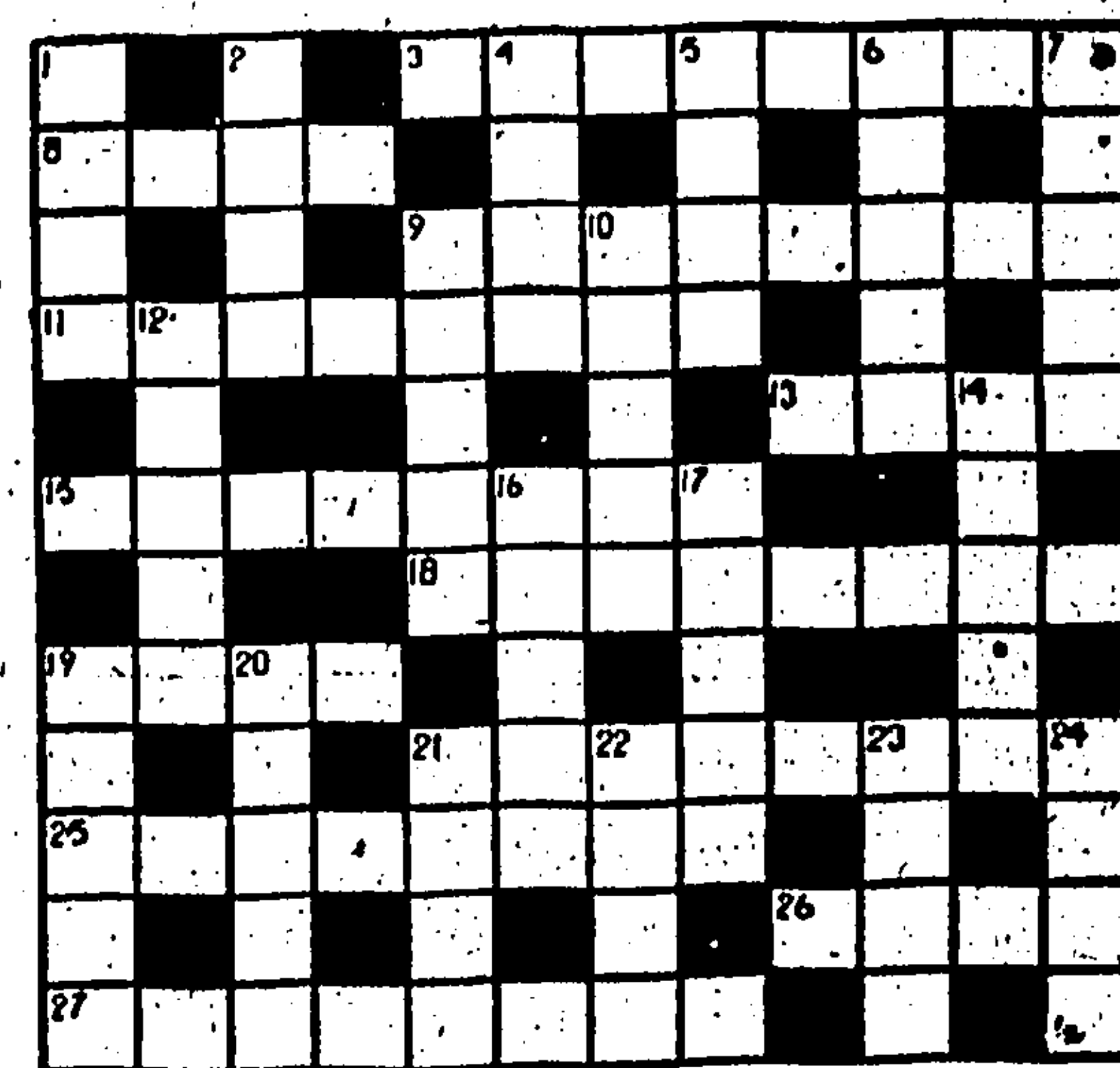
Tomorrow's Problem
S K 10 9 4 2
H Q J 10 2
D A Q 3 2
C A K 10 7 5 4 3
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S Q 7 6
H A K 8
D 6 3
C Q 7 5
S J 8 5
H 7
D A Q 9 6
C K J 8 6
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The declarer made that contract, losing only two tricks in spades. In other words, North's jump to 4-Clubs was not high enough to shut out the vulnerable pair. If North had seen fit to go all the way with a leap to 5-Clubs over West's double, the deal would have been played at that contract, which should have

(Dealer: West. East-West vulnerable.)
If East is a No Trump game declarer at one table and West at another on this deal, what factor determines the relative results?

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Across

3 Vehicle.
8 Chain of rocks.
9 Stayed.
11 Exhausted.
13 Pleased.
15 Revel.

Down

14 Watchful.
16 Sound.
17 Prize up.
19 Clear.
20 Belief.
21 Legal right.
22 Zebra.
23 Eager.
24 Whirlpool.

Yesterday's Crossword

ACROSS—1. Physic, 4. Guide, 7. Immature, 8. Agile, 9. Magnet, 11. Emerald, 13. Conceals, 15. Defect, 18. Scrap, 19. Obliging, 20. Roave, 21. Defect.

DOWN—1. Prism, 2. Swain, 3. Courtier, 4. Cream, 5. Intimate, 6. Extend, 10. Generate, 12. Muddled, 13. Coaster, 14. Expose, 16. Fight, 17.

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State Dept Comment On Gamboa Case

Washington, April 1. A source close to the U.S. State Department said there is no indication the Department is planning to interfere on behalf of Corporal Lorenzo Gamboa, who wants to enter Australia, but who is being held in Australia because of the colour of his skin.

The U.S. State Department made no comment on Gamboa's reported move to ask the Department to help him enter Australia. It was indicated unofficially, in request has yet been received from Gamboa.

American officials declined to comment on the merits of the case. But they pointed out the Australian citizenship law existed prior to Gamboa's Australian marriage during the war.—Associated Press.

Kingston, March 30. Sir John Huggins, Governor of Jamaica, tonight banned all street meetings and marches for one month, following clashes between Mr. William Alexander Bustamante's Labour Party and its opponents.—Reuter.

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Plane Causes Avalanche

Vienna, March 31. A low flying plane caused an avalanche in the Zugspitze area of Austria, which buried six skiers, the Austrian press agency reported today.

The skiers were rescued without serious injury, the agency added. Reverberations from the engine of the plane caused snow near the peak of the Zugspitze to fall. As it rolled down the mountain, it gathered force and volume until it became an avalanche more than 200 yards wide of snow, rocks and ice.

A group of 13 skiers were surprised by the avalanche, and six of them were buried. The others noted the spot and succeeded in digging them out. Two had to be carried down to Ehrwald, a winter sports holiday centre.—Reuter.

Jews In Arab Countries Mistreated

London, March 31. A spokesman of the Israeli representative here alleged that, while the Israeli Government had recently set up a special committee to help Arab refugees in Israel, Jews in Arab countries were subjected to a life of terror and deprived of fundamental human rights.

He said that reports of 805,000 Arab refugees from Palestine were greatly exaggerated and thought it unlikely that there were more than half a million.

(United Nations sources estimated their number in February at 720,000).

Another Israeli official charged Egypt and Iraq with keeping Jews in concentration camps. Such camps had in the past also existed in Syria and the Lebanon, he said.

The spokesman urged the resettlement of Arab refugees in under-developed Arab States. He said this would probably be cheaper than their re-absorption in Palestine.

Denying that the Jews had attacked the Arabs and driven them out after the British mandate ceased, he said it was the Arabs who assaulted Jewish civilians during the last months of British rule.

The spokesman thought the security and fate of the Jews in Arab States would have to be considered in any final settlement in Palestine.

Commenting on official Israeli offers of compensation for Arab property, he said many Arabs who had fled did not possess houses or land.

Israel would not shirk her responsibility, but would play her part in any common action taken by the community of nations to relieve Arab refugee distress, the spokesman declared.—Reuter.

Acheson Urges Dutch To Hurry Peace Talks

Washington, March 31.

The Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson, in a two-hour conference with the Dutch Foreign Minister, Mr. D. U. Stikker, today urged Holland to hasten efforts to bring about peace in Indonesia.

A joint statement issued by Mr. Acheson and the Netherlands envoy said Mr. Stikker discussed the Indonesian question fully and frankly. As he left Mr. Acheson's office, Mr. Stikker told reporters he would rather not answer any questions.

The statement issued today said:

Mr. Stikker, in his talk with the Secretary of State, went over several matters of interest to the Netherlands Government in connection with the Atlantic Pact and Western European questions. He also discussed fully and frankly the Indonesian situation.

In this connection, the Secretary indicated to him the strong hope of the United States that instructions sent from the Security Council to the Commission on Indonesia on March 23 might be put into effect at the earliest possible date. The Secretary expressed full confidence that both parties would enter into the preliminary negotiations called for by the Security Council and act promptly.

Mr. Stikker, after making clear that suggestions of the Security Council had been accepted by the Netherlands Government, expressed similar desires and outlined to the Secretary the paths along which he believed progress could be achieved most effectively.

On March 23, the Security Council instructed the United Nations Commission on Indonesia to get both the Dutch and the Indonesians together at Batavia to work out preliminary terms for a full-dress round-table conference, to be held later at the Hague.

At Lake Success, Australia and India today asked that the 20-month-old Indonesian dispute be taken up at the sessions of the

United Nations General Assembly, which opens on Tuesday. The Assembly will not be able to make recommendations on the tangled problem unless the Security Council, which has been trying in vain to settle the matter, agrees that the Assembly should act.

However, there is nothing in the Charter to prevent the Assembly from discussing disputes. The request for inclusion of the Indonesian item in the Assembly agenda was sent to the Secretary General, Mr. Trygve Lie, by the Australian delegate, Mr. J. D. L. Hodd, and the Indian delegate, Mr. K. P. S. Menon.

The Asian and Pacific supporters of the embattled Indonesians made no secret of their disappointment at the failure of the Security Council to take strong action against the Dutch for refusing to comply with its resolutions calling for immediate restoration of the Indonesian republic and return of its leaders to Jogjakarta.

After first holding out for strict compliance with Council resolutions, the United States last week went along with the mild Canadian plan for new Dutch-Indonesian consultations on carrying out Council requests. Some UN officials and diplomats felt the American switch was motivated by reluctance to get tough with one of the key members of the newly-formulated Atlantic Pact.

Australia is in a good position to push strong condemnation of the Netherlands in the forthcoming Assembly since its Foreign Minister, Dr. Herbert Evatt, is President of the session.—United Press.

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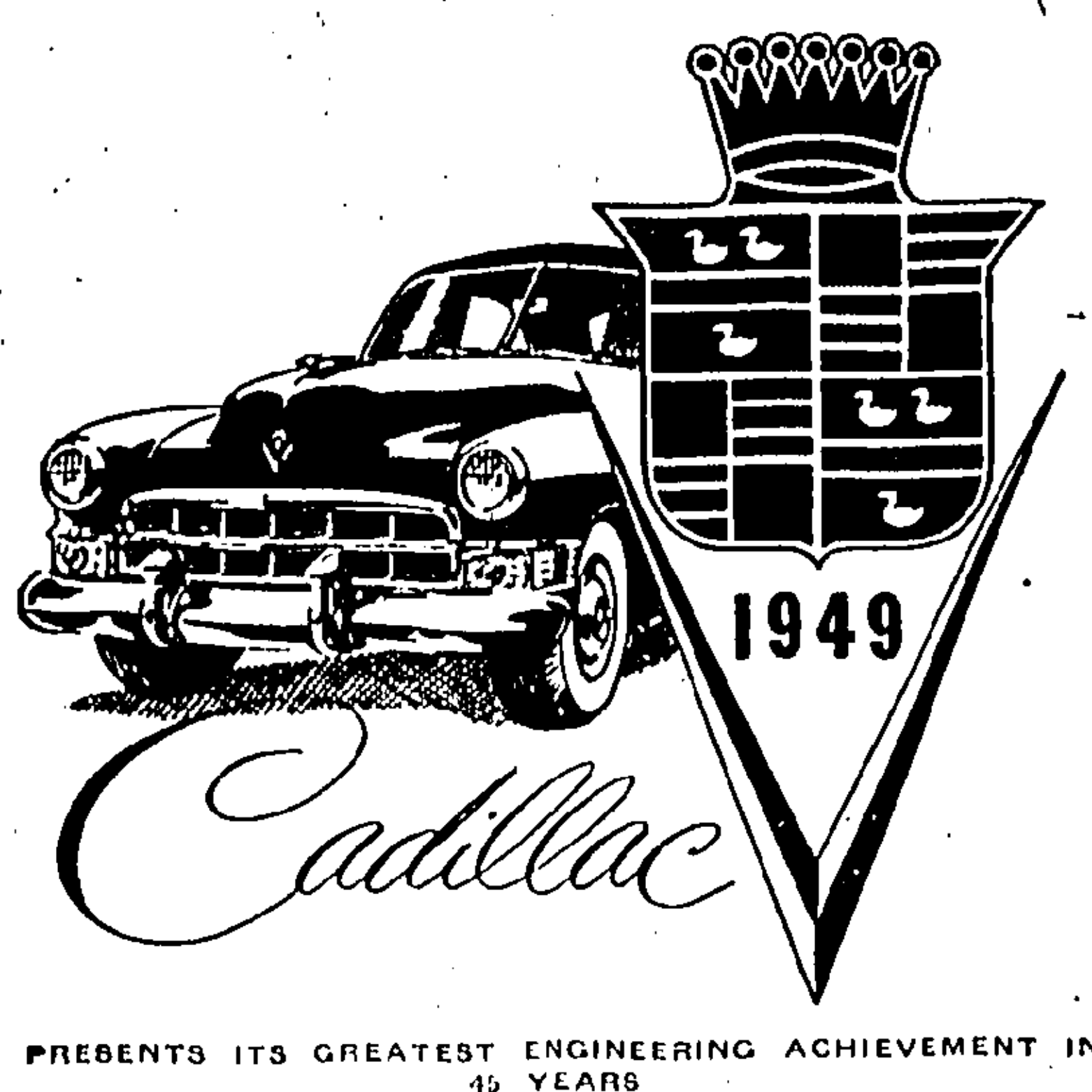
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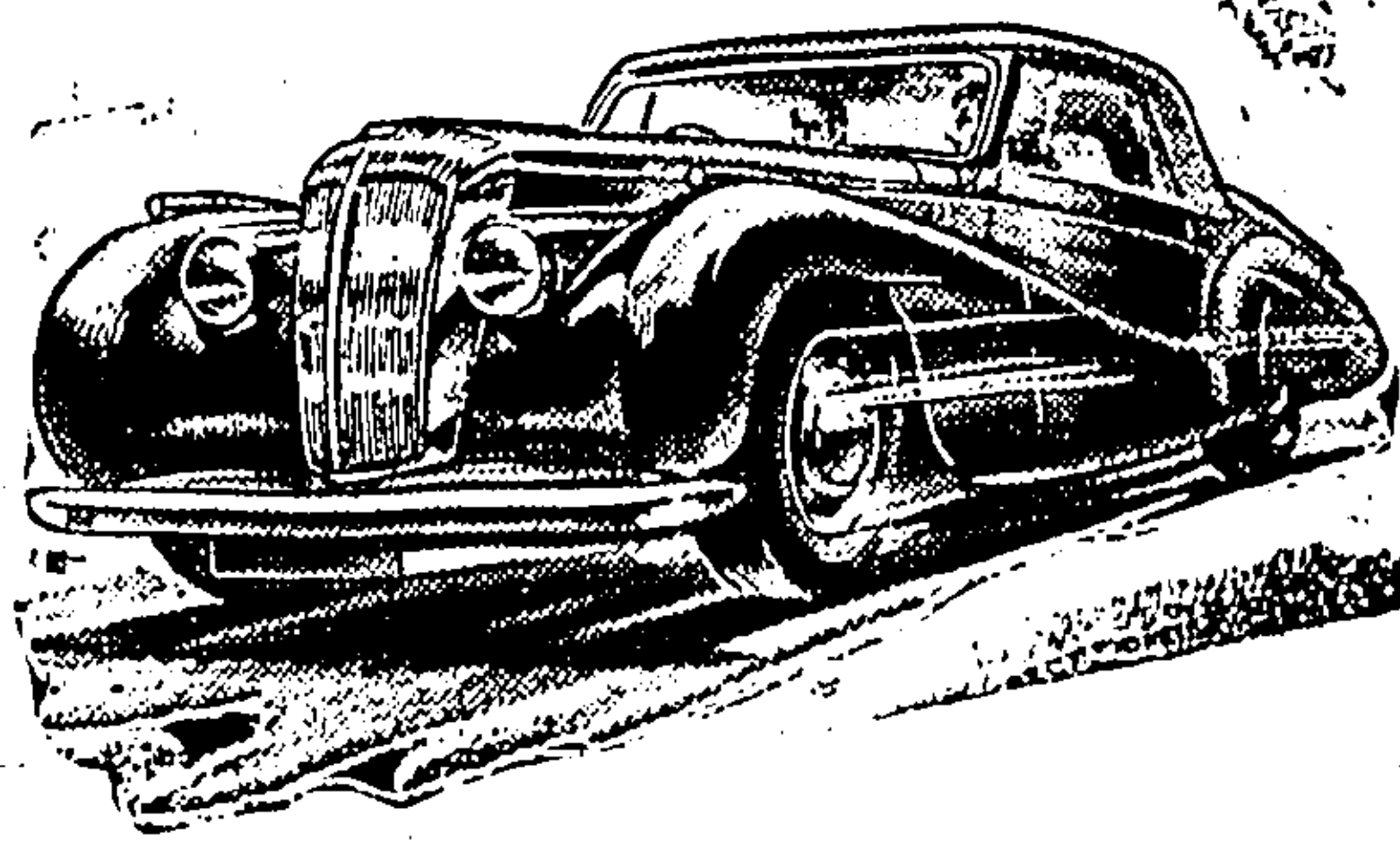
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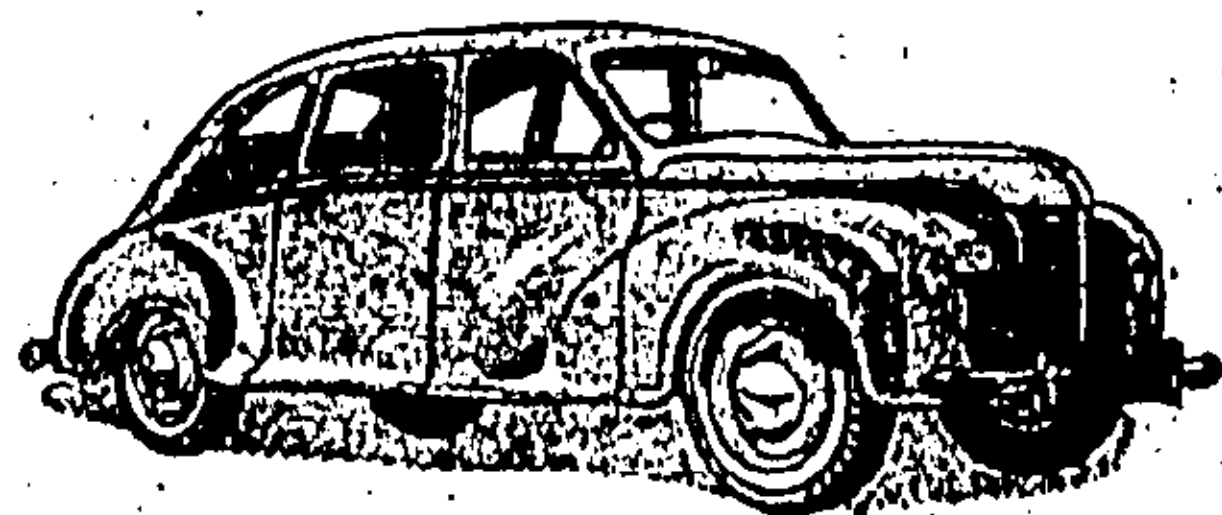
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Compact Trigger Car Lock

It is unnecessary that door locks should be light and quiet in action and, at the same time, positive, and the Schonitzer lock, produced by the Schonitzer Engineering Company in the U.S. has become very popular in view of the success with which it fulfils these aims. Arrangements have now been made for the manufacture of this lock in England by Wilmot Breeden, Ltd., with slight modifications to render it more suitable for the British car.

The action of the Schonitzer lock is akin to the trigger of a firearm. The lock is compact and projects only about half an inch. The outside handle position is normally about 4in above the actual point of locking. Both the inside handle, and the small lever for locking the door, operate through remote control units, the inside handle, incorporating either a trigger or a push button which releases the lock through a rod, the length of the rod being varied according to requirements.

The outside handle is of push-button type and does not call for precision fitting.

Claw Latch

There is no bolt, and the door is secured by means of a claw-shaped latch which engages with a striking pin attached to a plate on the door pillar. This plate also carries a sliding wedge of a self-lubricating material. When the door is closed the claw-shaped latch comes against the striking pin and is thereby caused to rotate.

The spindle of the latch has engaged with it the inner end of a spiral spring or mainspring, the outer end of which bears against an anchor stud on the base plate of the lock.

Thus the closing of the door and the rotation of the latch causes energy to be stored up in this main spring.

There is also on the spindle of the latch a cam plate, and above this there is another cam which is controlled in one direction by a leaf spring bearing against one of its projections.

Accordingly, as the door is closed and the latch rotated, the rotation of the lower cam on the latch spindle results in one of its recesses being engaged by one of the projections of the upper cam, and the door is, therefore, locked securely until such time as the upper cam is rotated.

Flies Open

When that happens the stored-up energy in the spring causes the latch to rotate against the striking pin and, therefore, the door tends to fly open.

The locking knob merely actuates a link which projects from it into the lock mechanism.

The mechanism is quite simple; it is also robust, and has ample wearing surfaces, which are hardened. When the door is closed the top of the claw-shaped latch engages against the spring-loaded sliding wedge and prevents rattling.

The outside push button for the driver's door is provided with a barrel-type lock and both outer and inner handles are, of course, fixed, since their function is merely to provide a convenient pull for opening or closing and to carry the push button or trigger. Wide variation in arrangement of handles is possible and push buttons without handles could be provided. The safety catch assembly can, if need be, take the form of a separate unit which can easily be linked up with the lock. Further types of lock are in course of development.

UK Trailers At Chicago Exhibition

At the invitation of the Trailer Coach Manufacturers' Association who are anxious to see the quality of British caravans, four of them are being sent from the United Kingdom for display at the International Trailer Show in Chicago.

The vans range in price from £497 to £2,200, the largest and most luxurious of them being the Coventry "Knight" (Coventry Steel Caravans Ltd., of Warwick, England) which makes ingenious use of light alloys and plastics. The others are Eccles "Enterprise" (Eccles, Birmingham, Ltd., of Birmingham, England) a special export model "Berkeley" (Berkeley Coachwork Ltd., of Biggleswade, England), and "Streamlite" (Alperson Products, of Newmarket, England).

Export Goal

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Meanwhile, mobile banks are becoming increasingly important among the products of the caravan industry in Britain. Five of the big United Kingdom banks now use them—Westminster, Lloyds, Midland, National Provincial and Martin's.

These mobile banks are used at present chiefly for agricultural shows, exhibitions and other events at which temporary banking facilities are needed, but another and growing use is the replacement of small branch offices in rural areas.

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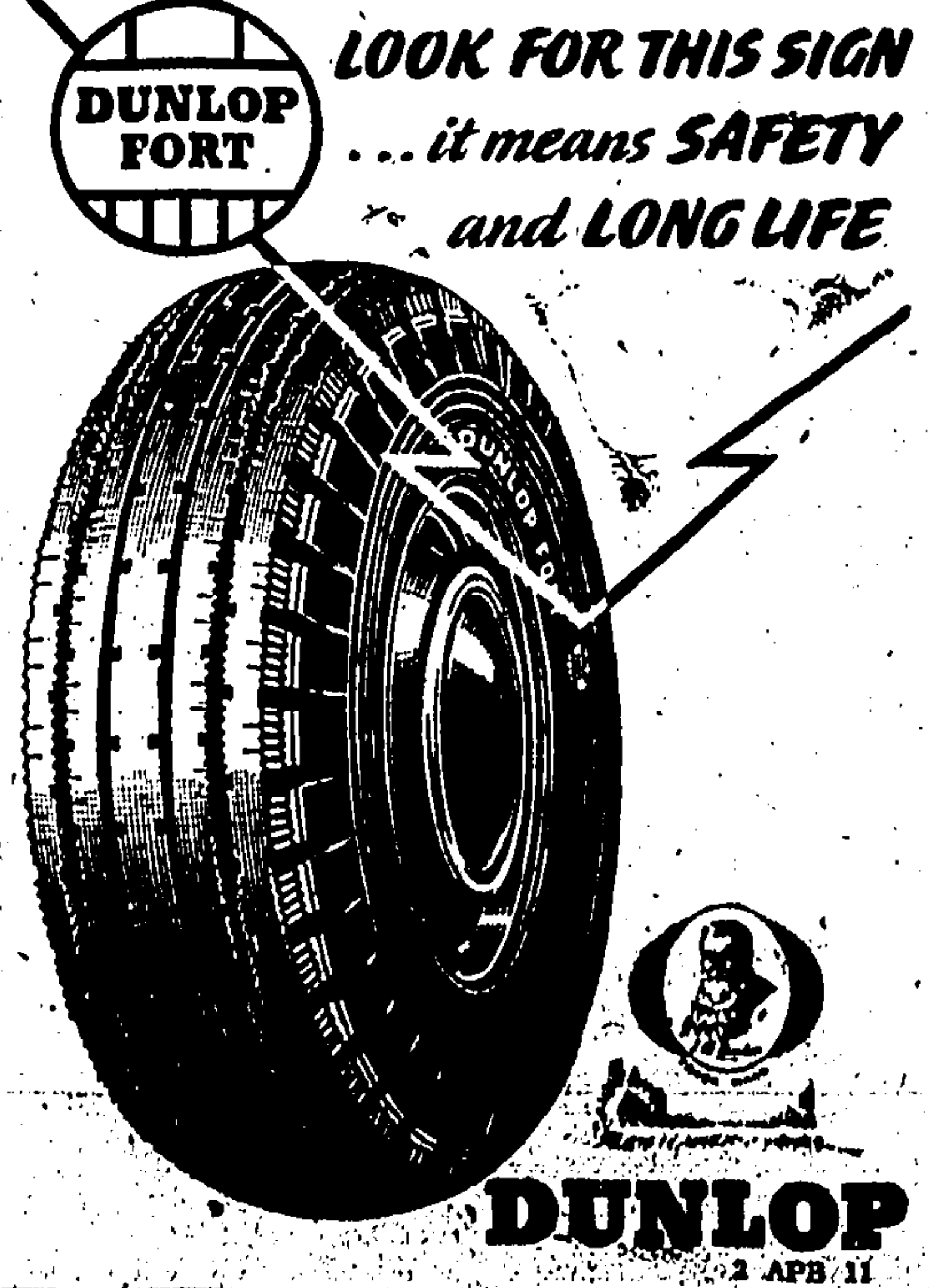
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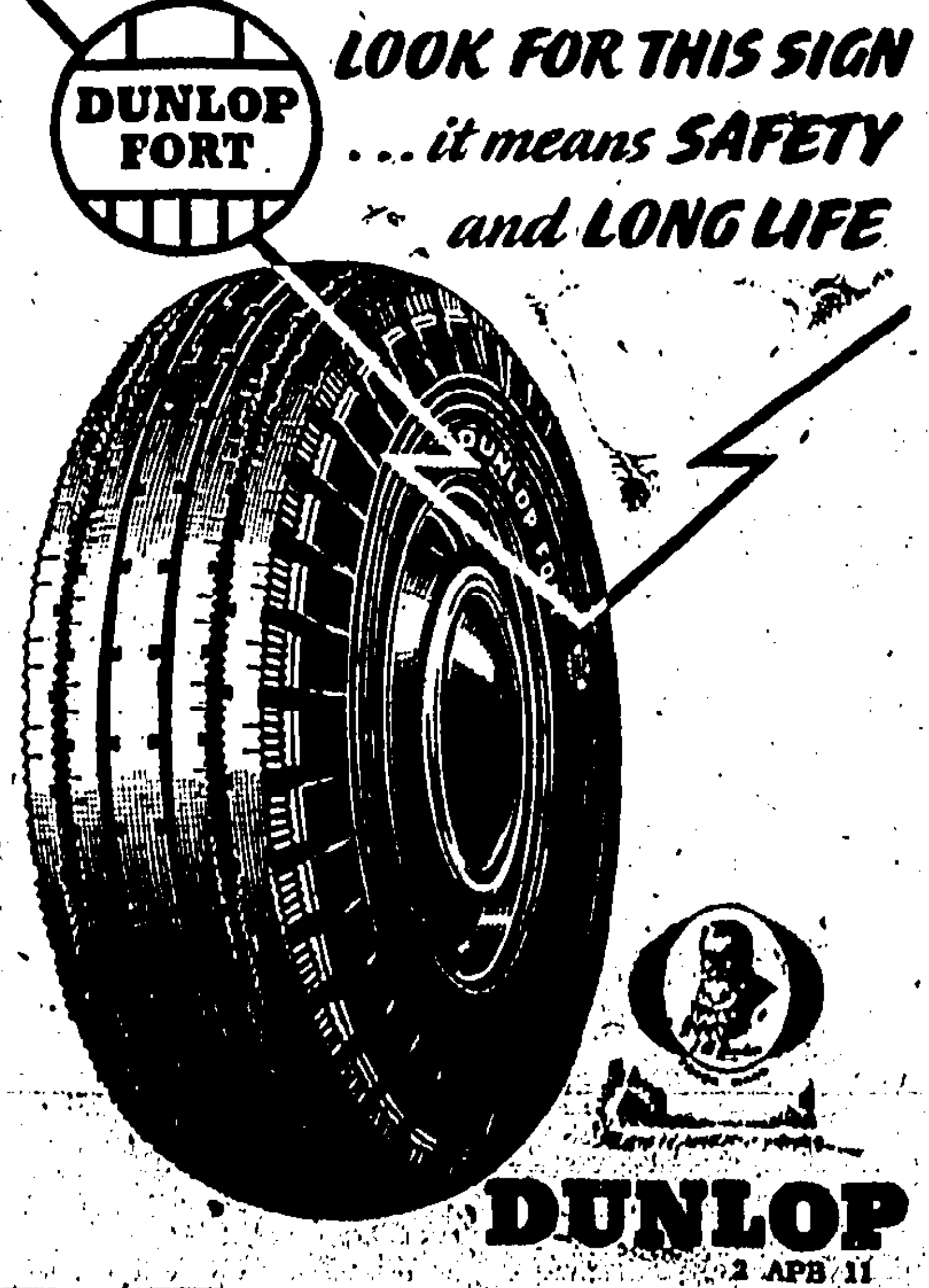
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LIGHTWEIGHT RECORDBREAKER



Piero Taruffi demonstrated the lightness of his strange "twin-torpedo" car after breaking two world records for cars of the 600 c.c. class at Terracina, South of Rome, Italy. The strange vehicle, housing the driver in one nacelle and the engine in the other, covered the five-mile distance in two minutes 18.79 seconds at an average of 129.778 miles per hour. (AP Photo).

Short-Wave Radios For Any Type Of Car

During the past 12 months the number of manufacturers who have produced short-wave export model car radios has been on the increase.

This course has been dictated by the fact that short-wave broadcasting is employed extensively in America and Canada, and in the Empire generally, so that in order to sell sets in these countries suitable models had to be produced.

Most of these export models also cover the medium wave-band, as stations in this category are to be found all over the world. In view of this we were glad of the opportunity of conducting a prolonged test, from last July until the end of the year, of the Masterdial Model 701 short-wave export model.

For test purposes the set was installed in a Singer Roadster and despite the fact that this vehicle was not entirely suitable from the installation angle owing to the restricted space in a small sports car and that the body of the car is composed of aluminium panelling mounted on wooden framework—which makes suppression of extraneous electrical noises difficult—excellent results were obtained on both the medium and short wavebands.

This freedom from interference—so far as the car's own electrical system was concerned—shows a measure of the efficiency of the filters incorporated in the receiver circuit.

Delicate Tuning

The built-in control head has two knobs, one combining the operations of switching on and off with that of volume control and the other is a two-speed tuning control. Owing to the very limited travel of the tuning pointer, locating the numerous

shortwave stations becomes a rather delicate matter despite the considerable reduction afforded by the control, but, even so, it was found that short-wave stations could be tuned in while the car was in motion, even though the "ride" given by the Singer is not so smooth as that of a closed car.

Two other controls are provided, one for waveband selection and the other for the reduction of background noise which often accompanies short-wave reception. The latter was found to be particularly effective. The treble response from the separate 5-inch speaker was most striking and this feature is largely responsible for the clarity of reception while the car is in motion.

Short-wave Performance

Whilst performance of the set on the medium waveband is perfectly satisfactory, the main interest, since this is an export model, lies with the short waves. Coverage of the 40, 40, 31, 25 and 10 metre bands is provided and, dependent on the time of day or night and prevailing conditions, reception of several distant stations can be relied upon. A number of American and Canadian stations were received from time to time with commendable clarity and at good strength. In addition, during the

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Grace Of Daimler Saloon

Just completed to special order at the Daimler factory in Coventry is a Straight Eight saloon which would have won unstinted admiration if it had appeared at the London Show last autumn.

This car has a fine appearance and definite character. It is dignified, and makes a strong appeal to the discerning eye by an artistic balance of proportions which needs no embellishment by chromium-plated trimmings.

The whole car is in perfect good taste. It is an answer to the problem of developing a British appearance which is entirely modern and which yet borrows nothing from the fashions of other countries.

It has been built to the specification of Mr. Ivan R. Hendricks of Jamaica, and the owner is to be congratulated upon his aesthetic perception as well as upon acquiring a superb car which has taken the best part of two years to build, and which may, perhaps, be the most expensive car built in this country since the war.

During the war Mr. Hendricks elected to work on a machine tool in the Daimler factory, and he therefore shares the esteem for this traditional engineering firm which imbues all who have served in Daimler's. The writer is one.

Six Seater

The Freestons and Webb body is a six-seater, with sufficient head room, but does not look as large as it really is. The size is nicely balanced by the length of the bonnet, and by the length and the correct height of the flowing tail.

Clever use of a touch of square, or knife-edge, lines in place of bulbous curves gives a clean-cut appearance in which longitudinal sweeps predominate, so making the car look long and slender.

The net result is a strikingly clean appearance, a harmony of line from end to end, though perhaps there is a faintly discordant note in the circular swell on the rear wheel detachable panels.

This car is painted in a soft pastel shade of grey, described as silver birch grey, enhanced by a discreet use of a fine gold line. The upholstery is in a slightly darker shade of leather; interior cabinet work is in a special timber new to coachwork, a Jamaican wood called Yellow Sanders.

Finely Figured

This is finely figured and very close grained; it has a faint suggestion of satin walnut, but an altogether deeper and more molten patina.

The chassis is the standard 30 h.p. Daimler Straight Eight, except that it has been given a special finish, so that to open the bonnet is to receive an impression of a perfectly appointed engine room, with all the metal polished and sparkling with cleanliness.

The body is of composite construction, metal and timber framing and aluminium panelling. It has four wide doors with drop windows, a fixed screen and a fixed roof. The doors are carried by concealed hinges at the centre pillars. The front seat is of bench type.

At night when the doors are opened interior lights in the body and on the seat are switched on, also the boot is illuminated when the lid is opened.

Superb Riding

One spare wheel is carried housed in a compartment underneath the luggage locker. The suspension has been changed to match the weight distribution, and the superb riding and road holding of this fine chassis have been preserved.

It is, indeed, a beautiful car to look on the road. The hollow part of the wings behind the wheels contains extra luggage cupboards. Ventilation has been carefully arranged. There are air-scopes beneath the head lamps at the front bulks, and in the counter-reception standard and becoming free of miscellaneous cracks.

On the basis of the tests conducted with this set it can safely be said that in countries where short-wave broadcasting is more popular and, where there are wide open spaces, this set should prove a useful asset in relieving the monotony of long spells at the wheel.

New Rules Cut Down Accidents

Since London introduced new restrictions on standing vehicles in busy streets, road accidents have decreased by more than 22 per cent. This is revealed in a report just published by the London and Home Counties' Traffic Committee.

Four months ago a prohibition was issued on vehicles waiting in main streets during certain hours of the day. These were indicated by means of broad yellow bands on lamp standards.

In submitting its report to the Minister of Transport, Mr. Alfred Barnes, the Committee express the view that these restrictions have been the main reason for the improvement in road safety in the central London area.

In support of this opinion they quote figures showing that during the hours of restrictions do not apply the reduction in accidents was only 7.9 per cent.

Decrease

They point out also that injuries sustained in restricted streets decreased by 31 per cent, compared with an increase of eight per cent over the whole Metropolitan Police district.

In the Committee's view this experiment has been of great value in improving the flow of traffic in the centre of London.

"Smoother and more fluid vehicle movement has tended to reduce impatience and irritation among drivers and has made for safer driving," the report states.

The London Passenger Transport Board have also found that the running of buses has improved. Timing checks have indicated that drivers are able to work much more closely to schedule.

The Committee recommend that these restrictions should be extended to certain secondary streets where the movement of traffic tends to be hindered by waiting vehicles on each side of the thoroughfare.

course of a special test on Hampstead Heath at about 10 p.m. when radio conditions were somewhat erratic, Australia was heard at moderate strength on the 31-metre band.

Short-wave reception in London traffic was marred by interference from other vehicles, power cables, and the screening effect of buildings, which is to be expected with short-wave reception, but once in the country reception stood and became free of miscellaneous cracks.

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A Superb Special Daimler

The familiar Daimler for bonnet edges are retained, and skilful touch as elsewhere suggest similar treatment.



U.S. BELIEVES TRUMAN OBSTRUCTING UK'S SOCIALISM, MP SAYS

London, March 31.

There was widespread belief among Americans that the Truman Administration was obstructing Socialism in Britain and Western Europe, Mr. Richard Crossman, Socialist Member of Parliament, said on his return from the United States today.

Mr. Crossman added that he had told them there was no justification for this belief.

Mr. Crossman, Parliament's most controversial left winger, said in an exclusive interview with Reuters today: "People were constantly asking me whether Britain was successfully resisting Washington attempts to hold back socialisation. I had to reply that so far as I knew no such attempts had been made."

He added that few Americans seemed to appreciate not merely the success of the Marshall Plan, but the diplomatic skill of Mr. Paul G. Hoffman, the European Cooperation Administrator, and his staff in refraining from interference in the domestic politics of Britain and other Marshall countries.

Mr. Crossman spent five weeks studying labour conditions in the United States. During his tour, Mr. Crossman made a special study of conditions in seven cities: Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Kansas City, New Orleans and Atlanta (Georgia).

"In all the cities I visited," he said, "I found, especially in business circles, a surprisingly keen interest in Britain's Socialist experiment—particularly the Health Plan, housing, and the prospects of the nationalised industries."

"It Always Happens"

He added that the prevailing attitude was summed up by the Chairman of the United Fruit Corporation, one of the biggest in the United States, who said to him: "We know that if your experiment succeeds, we shall fall into line with you. It always happens."

Mr. Crossman said there was one respect at least in which the British worker had set his sights higher than the American worker, judging from the seven cities which he visited. That was in housing.

"In America, the housing shortage is still desperate, and private enterprise has lamentably failed to cure it," he declared. He thought that the need of the United States for housing and social security set a severe limit to the extension of American foreign assistance.

Rumanian Lashes Out At America

Bucharest, March 31.—The Rumanian deputy Foreign Minister, Grigore Preotescu, today told a wildly cheering Congress of intellectuals that the United States arms shipped to Europe will one day be used against American soldiers.

He said the inevitable Soviet Army will liberate any country it enters just as it did in a Rumanian in World War II.

Preotescu, who was recalled from the Rumanian Legation in Washington last year at the State Department's request, spoke at the closing session of the Intellectuals Congress.

He received thunderous applause throughout his 20-minute speech in which he attacked the Atlantic pact as written in the blood of people and proclaimed the Soviet Union as the shield and sword of the peace-loving people.

"In the war they are preparing Americans will not be the master of their own arms. They should remember who is now bearing American armament in China. It is not enough to ship arms to Europe. It remains to be seen who will handle them and against whom for the peace-loving people of Europe—all their real leaders have declared it will not fight against the Soviet Union."

"We Rumanians know that the Soviet Union is the shield and sword of the peace-loving people. The Soviet Army entered our country as a liberating army and in whatever country it enters in the future, it will also be a liberating and invincible army," United Press.

BOMB ON PLANE OF RASMUSSEN

New York, March 31.—A spokesman for Scandinavian Airlines confirmed earlier reports that the plane carrying the Danish Foreign Minister, Gustav Rasmussen, to the United States was searched for a bomb.

He added, however, that the search was made on orders of the Danish Foreign Office, not as a result of an anonymous telephone call to the airline as previously reported.—United Press.

Rebels Join Forces In Burma Fighting

Rangoon, March 31.

Communists members of the White Band Peoples' Volunteer organisation and mutineers from the Burma Rifles have joined forces in Middle West Burma and now control an area of 3000 square miles, it was authoritatively reported in Rangoon today.

They have established their own military administration and have dismissed government employees and police, the reports said.

Areas they are said to hold include Prome, 160 North of Rangoon, and Thabeikmyin where the British Company, Steels Brothers Limited, have a large cement works.

White Band PVOS have occupied the town of Lemyetna near Henzada, 80 miles North of Rangoon.

The official communique today said that government forces retreated upon Henzada in face of the attack.

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DON IDDON'S DIARY

It's spring-time for Harry Truman, but Congress is gripped by the winter of discontent.

Almost everything that Mr. Truman has recommended has been rejected or stalled. The Fair Deal is in limbo only two months after the President introduced it.

The prophets who said the United States would follow Britain's example—that America was going Socialist—are looking foolish.

The coalition Republicans and Southern Democrats are killing the Truman programme with bold, ruthless slashes.

The next move is up to the President—perhaps he can revive the sick and wounded legislation now that all the assistant doctors, nurses, specialists, and assorted surgeons have failed.

Mr. Truman remains gay and debonair, a spring song on his lips, a dazzling flower on his lapel.

His popularity among politicians has dried. They say he's become too cocky, too bossy, too pleased with Harry Truman. But among the people his standing is high and buoyant, and if he decides to go to them with his plan and his programme, he may yet defeat the politicians.

For the people feel the stirring of the soil as their President does.

It is springtime for Henry and for Tom, Dick, and Harry.

New York sparkles in the sunshine and vibrates with energy.

It wears a bright, forced, salesman's smile. The big before-Easter push to restore the boom and halt the recession has started.

Every shop, from the giant, Fifth-avenue stores to the little, cramped corner counters, is offering something new and something cheap.

Manhattan has become a huge bazaar, busily seeking customers, strenuously drumming up business with stunts and slogans.

The booster spirit has staged a comeback, and sales managers are coaching clerks and shopgirls, floorwalkers, and demonstrators to think success and preach prosperity.

Faced by a drop in department store business of 8 per cent compared with last year, the merchants are frantic to make up the leeway.

They are doing everything but drag the pedestrians into their shops by the purse-strings, offering package specials at cut-rate prices and throwing in gifts, prizes, and long-term periods to pay.

All-Out Drive

This is the all-out drive to create by artificial respiration, blood transfusion, and anything else handy the promised spring upturn.

Even in the nerve-racked, noisy garment district, where production is down to a devastating 60 per cent from 1948's figures, the clothiers brace themselves with assurances that everything is going to come out all right, that people have to have clothes—ain't they?

To some ears the spring song has a note of hysteria.

The solid housewives are proving difficult to woo with the men's croon.

As spending falls, savings rise. And a lot of Americans are changing their habits.

Cocktail parties are being cut, night-clubbing cancelled, luxury buying banned.

Feeling spring in the air, the public wants also to feel money in its pocket.

On international issues, people wait for Mr. Churchill to deliver judgment.

New York is tense and taut for his arrival tomorrow.

His popularity is peak high. The city is his.

Whatever Mr. Churchill does, or fails to do, always sets off repercussions here.

In current newspapers and magazines their Socialist successes about Britain's medicine man, about Cripps and the meat cut.

Most Food Ever

The meat cut scratches the American skin.

Just now there is more food on American tables and in American refrigerators than ever before in the history of the country.

The magazine Holiday boasts: "No other city ever remotely approached this."



Irish eyes are still weeping after St. Patrick's Day...

prouched the prodigality of Manhattan's resources in food or drink.

It is true.

And as the portions get bigger, waste gets worse.

Enough food is rejected by cloyed and satiated customers and thrown away each week to feed hundreds of thousands of people.

That is a fact—a shameful one. In a letter in last Wednesday's Daily Mail, Miss Gwen Crowe, of New York, denied that the cost of living here had dropped to the fourth straight month. The official Government announcement says that it has.

Miss Crowe says her doctor charges her £2 10s. a visit. Mine charges me £1—in the suburbs the charge is 12s.

Miss Crowe says she pays 7s. 6d. to see a film. I pay 4s. Miss Crowe pays 2s. 3d. for a Martini. I pay 9d. for a glass of beer.

The expected reduction in the British film quota is causing rejoicing here.

Showmen are convinced that this is the beginning of peace-making between the British and American film industries.

Hope For Films

When the Anglo-American Film Council meets in Washington within the next few weeks

the atmosphere will be cordial, the chances of full agreement excellent.

Hollywood believes that Britain has concluded that a system of "protection" keeping American films shown in Britain to a minimum, will not work and has not helped the British product.

It is certain also that as a result of a lower quota American companies will start big-time production again in British studios.

There is much more optimism among motion-picture executives.

Many think the foreign market will come back strongly and that they will rake in the dollars.

Currently the film city plans a £13,000,000 programme of film-making abroad this year.

Almost half of the money will be spent in the United Kingdom.

America's greatest star, producers, and directors want to visit London and work there. Production costs are, of course, cheaper in England than here.

The biggest entertainment star in America at the moment is Milton Berle.

Berle, a slick smart-aleck comedian, flopped in films and toiled without distinction in radio.

Today he is by far the biggest draw in television.

He is a superb night-club comic and the highest-paid cabaret performer in the business (£4,000 a week). Every Tuesday night when his show goes on the video screens and on the air the bars and restaurants equipped with television sets are jammed.

He is bigger than Benny, better than Hope in his own field.

Berle would be a knockout and smash hit at a London music-hall.

He is hungry for international fame, even if his earnings would be smaller in Europe. I rate him better than Danny Kaye.

Fashions in music as well as comedians are changing here.

The extraordinary discordant jangle known as be-bop is catching on in a big way.

Of course, for the past week Manhattan has sobbed over Irish air and is still wiping its eyes almost a week after the St. Patrick's Day parade.

There is a big row going on over who will film "Lorna Doone".

The Alfred Hitchcock-Sidney Bernstein Transatlantic Picture Corporation announced as long ago as 1946 that they would make the picture.

Now Hollywood's Edward Small says he is going to England to film it.

I think that the priority goes to Bernstein and Hitchcock, not because they are friends of mine but because they registered the title and the decision to make the film with the British Film Producers' Association in May 1946.

Footnote.—In the spring this columnist's fancy turns to thoughts of his holiday in England.

That "City Slicker" Look In Red China

Shanghai, March 31.

If he hadn't had that "city slicker" look the Communists probably wouldn't have paid any attention to him as he strolled along the main street of the Hopoi village where he was "captured."

But then, said Chang Wun-yung, he would not have had the experience of finding out what they were like and how skilful they were in trying to win friends and influence people.

The former government tax official learned about them while a band of 400 guerrillas held him prisoner for two weeks trying to convert him as they circulated through the rural districts north of Tientsin. They influenced him for a while but the old home ties won out in the end. It was an interesting experience said the ex-tax official, but once was enough.

The young former government commodity tax man supervised the collection of wine levies in an extensive district in Hopoi for two years. The band of rural Reds picked him up for investigation because of his "civilized" foreign-style clothes and made him travel about the country with them while their leaders tried to persuade him to become a Communist and work for them.

Favourably Impressed

Chang was favourably impressed by their eloquence and their desire in trying to spread their influence among the rural people, he told the United Press in an interview on his return to Shanghai after his release. His "indoctrination" captivity in rural areas about 10 miles North of Tientsin took place in the period of guerrilla manoeuvres before the occupation of that city.

Four outstanding characteristics of the rural Reds "made a good

doing labour for the farmers—sometimes cleaning a barn or a house in return for getting their chow cooked. They got the food themselves."

"Country Chow"

The tax supervisor ate "country chow" with the guerrillas and slept in their rustic nomad quarters. They wore peasants' clothes and moved about by night. Many worked as farmers in the daytime and their Communist activities would scarcely be suspected by outsiders.

The band was short of guns at that time, had only one rifle for every five or six men and a few machine guns and mortars.

Countryside intelligence kept Nationalists and Communists well aware of each other's movements. Neither side wanted to fight and avoided contact.

After two weeks of persuasion, the leaders of the band of 400 grew tired of trying to make a Communist out of the reluctant wine tax man. They granted his request to be released, but first his "record" had to be cleared.

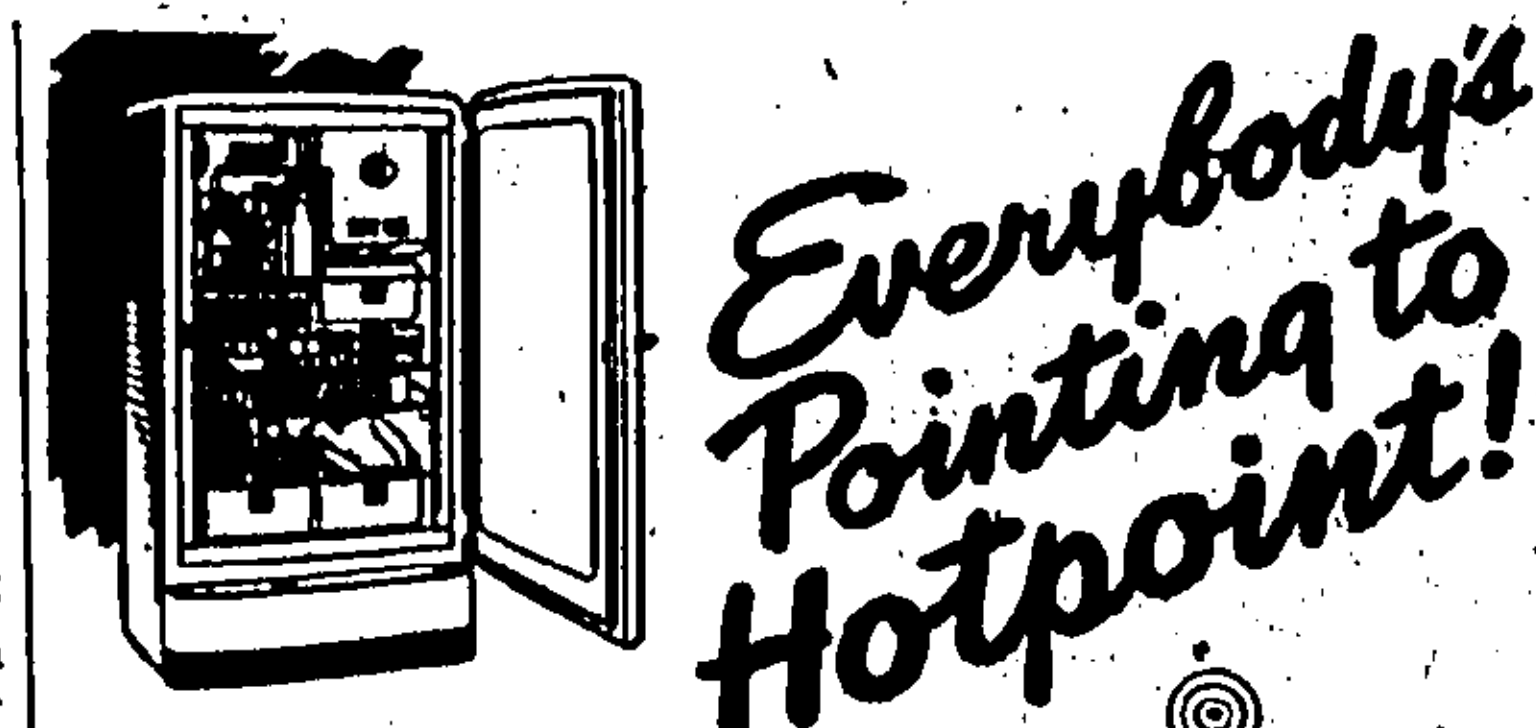
Entering a town where he was well known from his long period of official duty, the Communists asked the elders there if Chang was a bad man—had he oppressed the people?

In a public meeting called to discuss Chang's record he was given a clean slate by the town folk and the Reds let him go with a pass to the Nationalist territory.

When he reached the nearest government town the pass was honoured without difficulty.

"If you're rich you better watch out for the Communists," Chang said. "They probably wouldn't handle you so good. But if you're a poor man, never mind about it."

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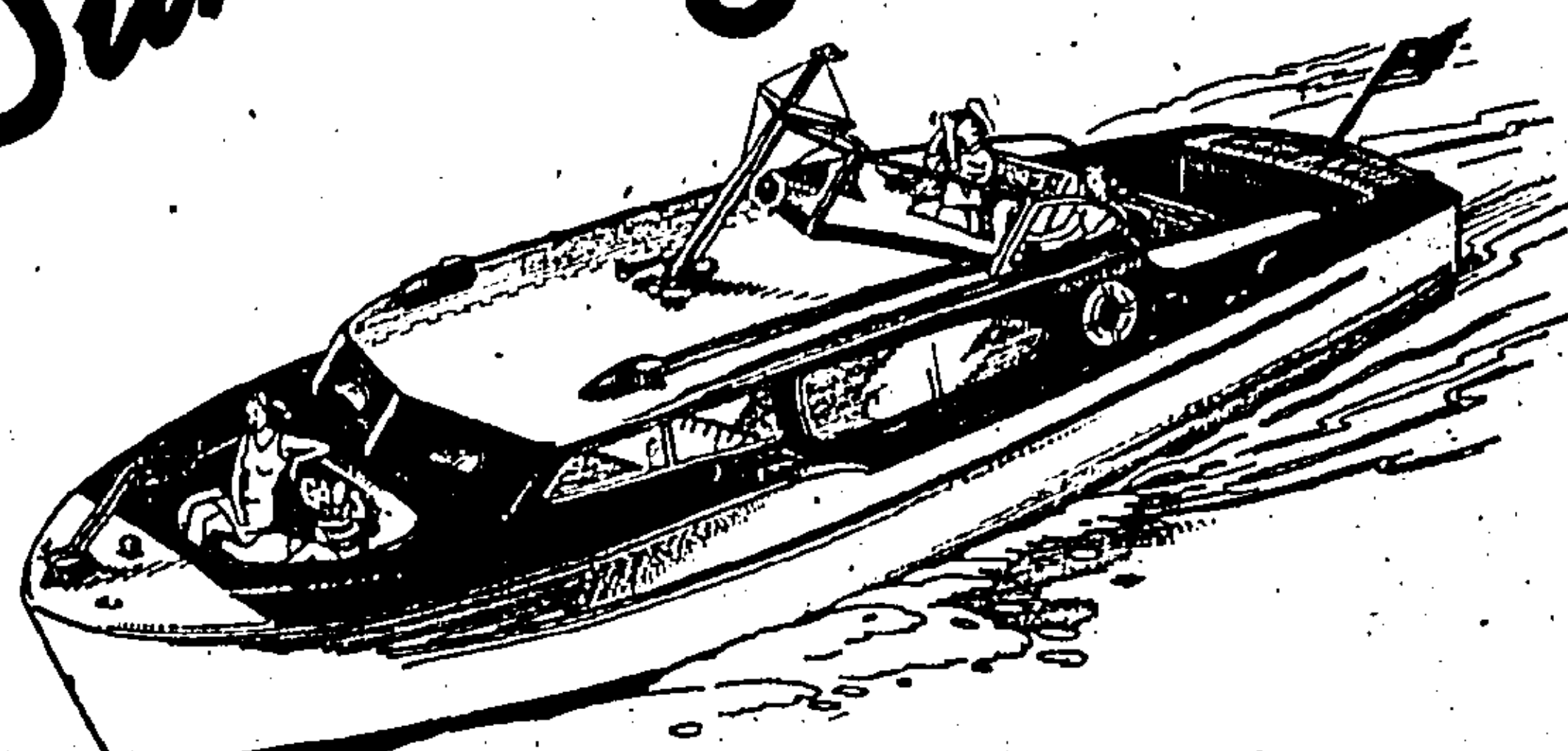
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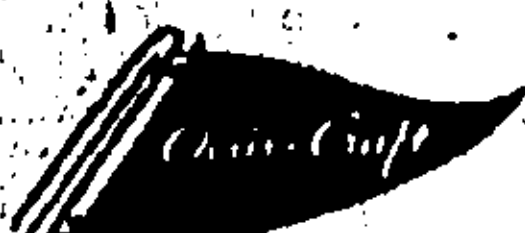
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PRESIDENT, PREMIER OF SYRIA TO BE BANISHED FROM POLITICAL SCENE

Damascus, March 31.

President Shukri El Kouatli of Syria and the Syrian
Prime Minister, Khalid El Azim, arrested dur-
ing the Military coup d'etat by Colonel Husni
Zaim yesterday, will be banished from Syrian
political life, the new regime announced today.
Damascus, the capital city, resumed its normal life
today following the seizure of power yesterday.
Reports from various parts of the country give
no news of further incidents.

The Syrian Parliament, which was expected here, would be
dissolved soon and general elections held to return a new Govern-
ment.

Colonel Zaim, who is Commander-in-Chief of the Syrian armed
forces, was thought by observers to favour a Coalition.
Muhsen Barzani, a Minister, has been released. All Government
departments were open today and work was resumed. Officials who
abstained from attending their offices yesterday were im-
mediately dismissed.

Demonstrations supporting the new regime were held by the
University and secondary school students. Reports from Beirut
said, security measures there had been tightened.

Political sources here said Colonel Zaim was now convening
military courts. The security precautions taken prevented a
dissemination of their purpose. Diplomatic offices in Damascus
said it was not known if any charges would be preferred
against the Syrian President and the Premier, the only Govern-
ment leaders now in custody.

Wants Coalition

Colonel Zaim, short, balding, chain-smoking Commander-in-
Chief of the Syrian Army, told Reuters that he wanted to set up
a democratic Coalition Government. He said the entire Syrian
people were behind him in his seizure of power and he only

Don't Talk Politics

While Reuters' correspondent in Beirut was talking to a
friend in Damascus, a voice on the line interrupted with

Turkey Wants "Little UN" Permanent

Lake Success, March 31.

Turkey proposed today that the United Nations "Little As-
sembly" be continued as a per-
manent organization.

The interim committee of the UN General Assembly—popularly
known as the "Little Assembly"—was established by the world
organization over the objections of Russia and her satellites.

Only the Eastern bloc, among 51 United Nations members, does
not participate in discussions of the interim committee, which
meets between sessions of the full General Assembly.

The Turkish representative to-
day asked the UN to appoint a
sub-committee to consider the
possibility of establishing a
standing committee of the General
Assembly to assist the latter in
the performance of its functions
when it is not actually in session.

The Turkish resolution in effect
would give the interim committee
permanent status.—United Press.

"Don't talk politics or I will
cut you off."

When he started speaking in
English, the same voice warned
that he must speak in Arabic.
About 10 heads of departments
are also in custody, it was learn-
ed. Zaim last night and today
saw groups of Parliamentary de-
puties for consultations on the
formation of a Government.

Paris Bey El Khoury was re-
ported to have been cautious un-
til he had ascertained the con-
stitutional position, it was un-
derstood.

The uprising was perfectly
timed and excellently executed.
Insurgent troop movements were
camouflaged by other movements
of troops withdrawing from the
Northern frontiers.—Reuters.

Esang Coming From Tientsin

Shanghai, March 31.

The Jardine, Matheson
steamer Esang sailed from
Communist-held Tientsin
last Monday for Hong Kong
with 70 tons of export cargo
and several foreign passen-
gers, it was reported here
today.

She is believed to be the
first foreign vessel to carry
export products from the
North China port since it fell
into Communist hands.

Foreign passengers on
board the Esang are said to
include the Peiping staff of
the United States Econ-
omic Co-operation Adminis-
tration, headed by Mr. Ritchie
Davis, and Mr. Andrew W.
Roth, one of the Peiping cor-
respondents recently banned
by the Communists from
operating.

Mr. Roth represents the
Nation Magazine.—Reuters.

Commonwealth Trade Meeting Opens In London

London, March 31.

Harold Wilson, President of
the Board of Trade, told the
opening Commonwealth trade
conference—to which India and
Pakistan sent delegates—that
all the conference nations were
on the road to economic re-
covery.

Mr. Wilson said it might have
been hard, but Commonwealth co-
operation had proved worthwhile.
He said: "I am not going to
say any one country represented
here is out of the wood, but I do
say we see pretty clearly the
direction we should go to reach a
much greater measure of freedom
from our economic difficulties."

Participating in these closed
talks, which aim to present a
common front at the April open-
ing of tariff discussions in France,
were India, Pakistan, the United
Kingdom, Canada, Australia, New
Zealand, South Africa, Ceylon and
Rhodesia.—United Press.

SPAHI CAVALRY LEAVES FOR INDO-CHINA FRONT

Paris, March 31.

Two thousand Spahis (cavalry troops) left for Indo-
China today. They are special reinforcements,
trained in jungle warfare, a French General
Staff officer told Reuters.

He said it was very likely that the regiment of
Spahis, who embarked at Mers El Kebir, near
Oran, would be sent to Northwest Tonkin,
which was invaded this week by Chinese Com-
munist forces.

The Chinese Communist
force, which was reported today
to have invaded the Northern
Tonkin area of French Indo-
China, is led by a 30-year-old
intellectual named Chu Kai-pli,
a traveller from this area told
Reuters in Saigon today.

He said the Communist band
was about 500 strong and included
mercenary troops of no polit-
ical creed.

The raids have taken place
around Alai Kien (Hong Su)
Phou, in the Upper Song Kol
Valley, which was captured from
Vietnam (Indo-Chinese na-
tionalist) forces during the
French winter campaign of 1947-
48.

Observers believed that the at-
tacks were part of a Vietminh
organized campaign to control
the Chinese frontiers.

The traveller said the French
forces on the Upper Song Kol
relied for supplies on 20 off-
date Junkers transport aircraft,
as all other forms of communica-
tions are impossible.

The Spahis are tough fighters,
always ready for hand to hand
warfare, the officer said.

Paul Ramadier, the French
Minister of Defence, told Par-
liament today that newspaper
reports had exaggerated the
importance of the invasion of
Tonkin.

"This is not the Chinese Com-
munist Army invading. That
army is still far from the Indo-
China frontier," he said. "The
invaders are just local bands."

The Minister said that de-
mands by the Far Eastern Com-
mand for more men and ma-
terial had been met and fresh
aircraft would soon be sent out.
The only problem was the short-
age of transport vessels.

"All that is necessary and pos-
sible has been done up to the
extreme limit."

Swiss Breaks 100-Year-Old Tradition

Berne, March 31.

The Swiss Foreign Minister,
Dr. Max Petitpierre, today de-
fended before the Federal Par-
liament his break with Swiss
tradition in attending the Mar-
shall Plan countries' Foreign
Ministers meeting in Paris last
month.

(Swiss Ministers have paid only
six official visits to foreign coun-
tries in the last 100 years.)

Switzerland's neutrality policy,
he said, demands that we observe
greater reserve than other states
in international affairs.

Switzerland did not intend to
accord blind adherence to anything
that might be proposed under the
Marshall Plan, he declared.

"But neither do we intend not
to follow closely, or to disinter-
est ourselves from everything that
is achieved under the plan."

The Marshall Plan had injected
into Europe's economy a flow of
dollars and gold.

"There is no doubt that we
derive benefit from this, and that
certain difficulties in bilateral
trade have been overcome as a
result, benefiting particularly the
export industries, tourism and
financial transfers."

"There is no doubt that without
American help the economic
situation of Europe in general
would have grown worse, and that
our trade with them would have
died away."

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—Reuters.

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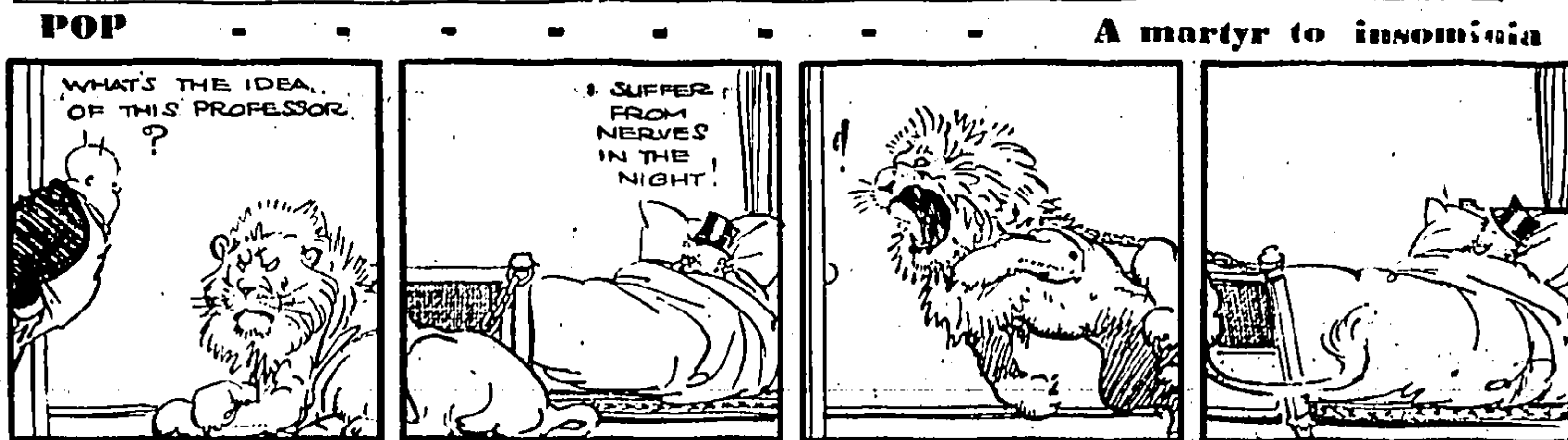
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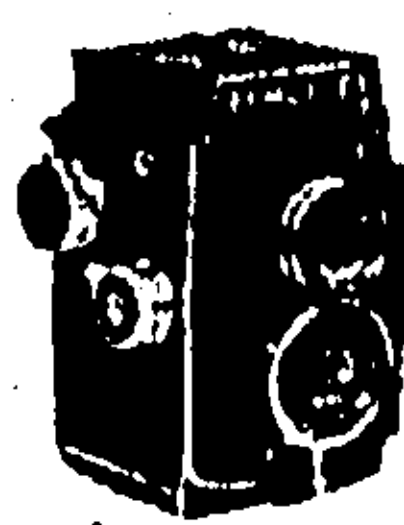
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Senior, Junior Shields Decisions Due Today

(By "ROYER")

Soccer fans will converge on the Club Ground at Happy Valley this afternoon, when the destination of the Senior and Junior Challenge Shields will be decided.

In the Senior game, South China "A" will be opposed to Kit Chee, while in the Junior match, Kowloon Motor Bus and South China will fight for honours.

There are four First Division games down for decision tomorrow, but the only match which is likely to provide any interesting soccer will be that between St. Joseph's and Kowloon Motor Bus.

Practical outside influences do not take a hand in matters, both Shield Finals should provide spectators with plenty of fast and exciting football.

South China "A" have been training hard for their match against Kit Chee, as it is their intention to win both the Championship and the Shield.

They will, therefore, leave nothing to chance, but will throw all their resources into the game from the kick-off. South China "A" have all the experience for a match of this nature and are not likely to be affected by an attack of nerves.

Equally Anxious

Kit Chee, on the other hand, are equally anxious to win the Shield, since they have no hope for honours in the League.

It is understood that Kit Chee will be fielding their strongest side for the game and if the off-criticized Kwok Ying-kee can get into his stride early in the game, Kit Chee might yet spring a surprise on their more redoubtable opponents.

In the Junior Shield, the odds are in favour of a win for the busmen, who have been more consistent than the Caroline Hill team of late.

However, the prospect of recording a "double" for their Club may inspire the South China players to give of their best and for this reason, a rousing game is anticipated.

Kowloon Motor Bus, who are still strong contenders for honours in the First Division, are not likely to treat St. Joseph's any too lightly when they meet on the Club Ground tomorrow.

Although the Saints are expected to put up a strong fight, they are hardly likely to beat busmen, who vanquished them by two clear goals the last time they met.

At Caroline Hill, Kit Chee will entertain Police and if Kit Chee carry out their intention to field reserves for this match, a victory for Police is almost a certainty. The previous game between these two teams ended in a draw, each side scoring once.

In view of their recent performances, Eastern would appear to be due for another heavy defeat when they meet Army at Soekunpo. Army beat Eastern by six goals to two earlier in the season and that at a time when Eastern was a

much more powerful combination than it is today.

CAA Favoured

Chinese AA, who are running neck to neck with Kowloon Motor Bus in the fight for honours in the First Division, have as their opponents South China "B". This game will be played at Boundary Street, which has never been a happy hunting ground for South China. Chinese AA are tipped for a comfortable win.

The postponement of the First Division soccer match between Kowloon Motor Bus and South China "A" on Wednesday is still the chief topic of conversation in soccer circles and the Hong Kong Football Association has come in for a great deal of strong criticism.

Following caustic comments in the Press regarding the postponement of this match, certain officials of the Clubs concerned have announced that they will not take part in the match and that the postponement was not due to any ulterior motive.

These officials also assert that the postponement was decided upon by the HKFA—the implication being that all responsibility for the matter rests with the HKFA and not the Clubs.

As to the action of the HKFA in deciding to postpone the match, it might perhaps be pertinent in the first place to quote the following extracts from "Rules of the Hong Kong Football Association".

"11. Application from a club for re-arrangement of any of its fixtures, due to exceptional circumstances, shall be delivered in writing to the Honorary Secretary of the Association at least four days before the date in respect of which re-arrangement is sought. If it is proved to the satisfaction of the Committee that a re-arrangement is necessary, the Committee may re-arrange accordingly."

Notice Served

"13. No fixture shall be deemed to be re-arranged unless and until notice of such re-arrangement has been served on the clubs concerned by the Honorary Secretary, 48 hours prior to the date of the original fixture or of the re-arranged fixture which ever is earlier."

In view of the foregoing Rule 11 and the fact that the application from the South China Athletic Association was not received within the time prescribed, it is difficult to understand by what authority the HKFA saw fit to decide upon a postponement of the match.

Furthermore, the situation was such that it was not possible for the HKFA to give to KMB, as

Club De Recreio Beats St. Teresa's

Club de Recreio beat St. Teresa's "A" 5-4 in a Badminton League match played last night. Scores: Recreio—Miss Z. Franco and C.M. Quinn beat Mrs. M. Silva and A.D. Brown, 21-17, 15-11; Miss J. Silva and A.J. Gonsalves, 6-21 and lost to Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Soares, 10-21. Miss M. Xavier and A.J. Remedios beat Mrs. M. Silva and A.D. Brown, 21-3, Miss J. Silva and A.J. Gonsalves, 21-11, and lost to Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Soares, 10-21. Miss T. Baptista and H.J. Xavier beat Mrs. M. Silva and A.D. Brown, 23-20, lost to Miss J. Silva and A.J. Gonsalves, 20-23, and beat Mr. and Mrs. J.A. Soares, 21-18.

Laid down in Rule 13, the requisite 48 hours' notice.

It would be well for all concerned to bear in mind the fact that under Rule 10 of "Rules of the HKFA" any club which fails to keep its engagements shall be fined and/or have the points for the match forfeited to the opposing team. The offending club may be further dealt with as the HKFA Committee think fit.

Having regard to the fact that much dissatisfaction has already been caused over this match, which was postponed on one previous occasion under the unsatisfactory circumstances, it is hoped that the HKFA will issue a statement clarifying the situation and explaining why it acted ultra vires its own Rules.

Unfair Practice

Incidentally, it might be pointed out that the practice adopted at meetings of the HKFA whereby individuals are allowed to sit and decide on matters in which they have an interest is not only most undesirable, but definitely unfair. It is time that this practice ceased.

A contemporary reports that South China have been invited to visit Macao on April 9-10 for a series of games. This contemporary goes on to say that South China are due to play Chinese Athletic Club on April 9, but "this match can easily be postponed."

Whether this match "can easily be postponed" remains to be seen, but it would be well for the HKFA to bear in mind the fact that the season finishes on May 8 and that there is already an accumulation of postponed games to be played off.

While on the subject of postponed games, it might be mentioned that in the course of a conversation with the "China Mail" Mr. Ken Forrow, Secretary of the Hong Kong Football Club, said that when he applied to the HKFA for a postponement of their match against KMB on March 12, on the ground of injuries, his application was rejected, and he was told that a postponement was "impossible."

The result was that Club had to field reserves for that match, which they lost by three goals to two.

Frankly, it is high time that top-ranking officials of the HKFA woke up and take a little more interest in what is really going on in the soccer world, as they are being blamed for what is happening in just the same manner, if not more severely, than their subordinates.

The following is the week-end programme:

Today

CHALLENGE SHIELD FINAL
Seniors: Kit Chee v South China "A", 4 p.m.; Referee: J.G. Padley.
Linenmen: P.A. Barretto and Pto. Collins.
Juniors: KMB v South China; Club 3 p.m.; Referee: Capt. Chienall; Linemen: Lt. Davy and A. Ribeiro.

Tomorrow

Kit Chee v Police, Caroline Hill, 4.30 p.m.; Referee: W. Gair; Linemen: Sgt. Manson and Y.P. Mak.
Eastern v Army; Navy 4.30 p.m.; Referee: A.R.P. Quatt; Linemen: N. Delgado and George.
St. Joseph's v KMB; Club 4.30 p.m.; Referee: J. Ward; Linemen: Pto. Collins and W. Gibson.
CAA v South China "B"; Boundary 4.30 p.m.; Referee: R.R. Omar; Linemen: W. Crawford and H. Richardson.
Club v Navy (postponed).
Kowloon v South China (postponed).
RAAF (bye).

Second Division

South China v Kit Chee, Caroline Hill 2 p.m.; Referee: Sgt. Manson.
Navy v WD Chinnell, Mary 3 p.m.; Referee: N. Delgado.
St. Joseph's v Tramways; Club 3 p.m.; Referee: Pto. Collins.
KMB v Tai Po, Boundary 3 p.m.; Referee: W. Crawford.
Dokyard v Army/Navy Army "B" 3 p.m.; Referee: Lt. Hing-kong.
Army/Navy v St. Joseph's 3 p.m.; Referee: A. Deacon.
CAA v University (postponed).
Eastern v POA (postponed).

The Tsui Brothers



Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui, retain their doubles tennis championship of the Colony. The picture shows the brothers after receiving their prizes at the Hong Kong Cricket Club last night. ("China Mail" Photo).

Inter-Hong League Softball Matches

(By "GRANDSTAND")

The revival of the Inter-Hong League tomorrow marks another step in the road back to pre-war popularity of the pastime.

Contenders for the series are the three oil companies (Standard Oil, Shell Oil and Texaco), Gibb Livingston, American President Line and the Hong Kong Musicians' Union.

The inaugural game will be attended with all the pomp and ceremony befitting the occasion and Mrs. Carmen Molten has kindly consented to toss the first pitch, after which the Standard Pegasusmen tangle with Gibb in the curtain-raiser of the three game schedule.

Players in the Inter-Hong League are drawn from both the Senior and Junior Leagues, together with a sprinkling of players whose active days on the diamond are over, but nevertheless, have answered the call in the interest of sport.

Starting for the Oilers will be Luigi Gosano, youngest of that famous clan of youngsters, while hindmarching duties will be taken care of by Roy Silva-Netto, a star of yesterday.

A familiar personage will be at first base to spark the team. He is none other than that ever popular Eddie Marques, better known to the softball fraternity as the "Mahatma."

Other members of the team include Joe White, Gussie Remedios, Amerigo Lopes, Gussie Pereira and Chico Segquiera.

Strong Challenge

The "M" men from Gibb managed by Hussain "Stardust" Moosdeen present a strong challenge for honours. Alf Mailg and bustling Frankie Correa form the battery, while the starting infield quartet will be K.T. Leung (1st base), A. Garcia (2nd base), Avilo Campos (3rd base) and S.H. "Sluggo" Khan (short-stop). The fly-chasing crew will include distance clouters Gerry Rozz-Pereira, Jojo Baptista and R.A. Bux.

APL cross bats with the Mustangs in the midday session. The President Line outfit includes several veterans among whom are Ernle Heather and Tony "Poewee" Alves. The melody-makers have been practising hard for the series, and the side includes Fred Diets, Habida and Lionel Segquiera.

TSUI BROTHERS RETAIN DOUBLES CHAMPIONSHIP

(By KIMBERLEY)

The Tsui brothers, reigning grass-court doubles champions in the Colony, retained their title yesterday by defeating this year's challengers, Lee Wai-tong and K. H. Ip, in four sets after losing the first, 1-6.

The full stand gathering at the Hong Kong Cricket Club yesterday was greatly deserving to the occasion. They went to see a match of champions—and they saw it.

There was nothing unusually spectacular about the performances of the Tsuis. Their vast superiority of court science added to their unerring combination, was all that they rode on to victory against the brilliant strokes of Ip, or the impressive style of Lee Wai-tong.

From the first stroke of the match, both the Tsuis made it clear, their one target of attack: Lee Wai-tong, and continuously plugged at him until he broke, although in the process, this cost them their first set of 1-6.

Then their experience came into play. Ip Kung-hung, anxious for his partner, fell into the habit of trying to cover, leaving his court wide open for some deadly playings by Tsui Wai-pui. And in this manner the partnership of Lee and Ip broke in the second set to give way to the Tsui superiority.

Lee Wai-tong not only stood up to the challenge of the Tsuis during the early stages of the match, but countered with some accurate volleys, that forced the Tsuis' returns into the net or high enough for partner Ip to kill viciously.

The Tsuis never changed their tactics although playing in this manner was costing them game after game and adding more fire to confidence in the opposition.

Ip and Lee went through the first five games of the first set before giving away the next.

Younger Tsui was serving on the sixth game and took the score to 30 all, when Lee, at net, scored on an accurate cut-drop.

Exchange of Volleys

The next service brought the ball into a vigorous exchange of volleys with all four players at net. Wai-pui saw an opening in Ip's court and slammed it diagonally across the net far and low in front of Ip to deceive the game.

A drive by Ip went too wide and younger Tsui cut the next ball at net to bring in the first game when the score stood at 5-1, in Lee-IP's favour.

Lee's turn at service next brought an end to the set with both the Tsuis hitting wide; set 6-1 for Ip and Lee.

Ip and Lee opened with service in the second, set grabbing the first two games, ending the second in love.

After giving away the first point, Tsui placed the ball to Lee's forehand and Ip went in to intercept, clashing with his partner as the ball bounced feebly from somebody's wood to hit the net low, levelling the score at 15 all.

Tsui forced another point but lost the next two. Deuce came when Wai-pui lifted for a lob and then rushed in to kill.

The next two points came to the server ending the game at 2-1 in favour of Lee-IP.

The fourth game in the second set saw a repetition of the third with Lee and Ip colliding again on a placing by younger Tsui in mid-court. The games levelled at 2-2.

Losing the next game, the Tsui brothers annexed the following two to take the lead for the first time in the match at 4-3. Ip and Lee returned to level at 4-4, then refused to give the brothers the second at 6-4.

When the third set began, the Tsui brothers had the opposition precisely where they wanted them. Lee, firing from the work forced upon him in the preceding games, was beginning to miss his contacts at net.

More Anxious To Cover
It was seen the more anxious to cover, exposing a vulnerable area in his court which, both the Tsuis exploited with drops and sizzling backhand drives.

The brothers took the first game, lost the second and third and then drew level at 2-2.

Ip and Lee then forged ahead to 3-2 but gave away the next three with Lee committing mistakes with the shots from the brothers directed at him. The score reached 5-3 in the Tsuis' favour before the other pair annexed the last game in the third set which eventually ended 6-4 in Tsui's favour.

Sunday, April 17
11.00 a.m. APL v Caltex
2.00 p.m. Musicians v Stanvac
3.30 p.m. Shell v Gibbs

Sunday, April 24
11.00 a.m. Caltex v Stanvac
2.00 p.m. Shell v APL
3.15 p.m. Musicians v Gibbs

Sunday, May 1
11.00 a.m. Shell v Stanvac
2.00 p.m. APL v Gibbs
3.15 p.m. Musicians v Caltex

Tonight's Boxing Bouts At China Fleet Club

A rare treat is promised followers of the "manly art" at the China Fleet Club tonight, when one of the best amateur boxing tournaments staged by the "Golden Gloves" swings into action.

A programme of seven bouts has already been arranged, with the first bout to start at 9 p.m.

The main event of the evening will be a six-round contest between Ramsey Bucks and PO Tommy Scollins of HMS Tamar.

Bucks, who has just returned from Shanghai, is well known to boxing fans in the Colony and can be relied on to be fighting fit.

His opponent, Scollins, has an excellent record and in all his seven fights in Hong Kong has always come out on top. While on cruise, he beat the lightweight champion of Ceylon, A.I. Obeyesekere.

He also beat the French Navy Champion in Saigon, L/Chnr. Seich, defeated the Indo-China Champion, EYM Copeland, and several others.

This bout should be the best fight ever staged here in the lightweight class, as it will give the winner supremacy in the Far Eastern 135 pounds division.

Scollins and Bucks are both favourites and some high class boxing and ringcraft should be seen.

Alfred Mailg fought Gunner O'Shea in the last tournament and just won by a close decision. O'Shea should have sailed for home by the last bout, but fate must have kept him back to prove to Mailg and his supporters that his previous win was no fluke.

Bruising Battler
Tony Silva, the bruising battler, will meet LSA Chanter of HMS Hart. Chanter is in hard training with Bob Pulling and is known to be a consistent winner.

The return fight between the two rival contenders for the Colony's heavyweight mastery between PO Williams and George Upjohn of HMS London should give the public a chance to see a real tussle between giants.

Young Wing-ol, Chinese pride of the Hong Kong Police Force, will be seen in action against HMS Tamar, a newcomer to Hong Kong. The Tien-tin Giant can really go, has plenty of dynamite in both hands and is out to give House no quarter.

Liu Hon-kwong, who has been in a just two (lost) bouts, will fight against AB Priest (HMS Belfast).

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